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» **SNAP reauthorization stripped out of passed farm bill**

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The Republican-dominated U.S. House of Representatives passed a watered-down farm bill last week that struck down the popular food stamp program and the five-year SNAP pilot program for the CNMI.

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan said the SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) pilot program for the Northern Mariana Islands was part of the SNAP package that Republicans rejected in a narrow 216-208 vote last Thursday (Friday in the CNMI).

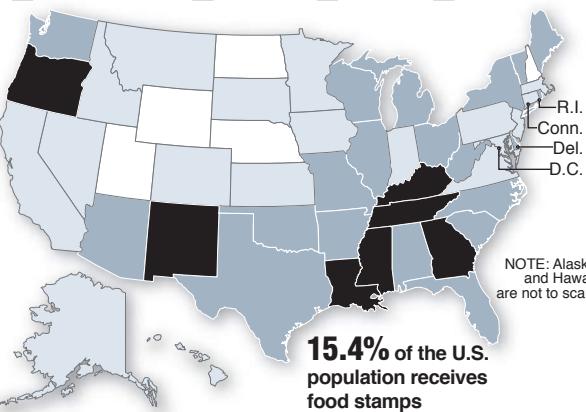
Sablan said in a statement that the CNMI pilot project was included in Republican chair Frank Lucas's FARRM Act, H.R. 1947, which had strong bipartisan support when reported by

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Who receives food stamps

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), or food stamps, helps low-income people buy food; percent of a state's population receiving SNAP, April 2013:

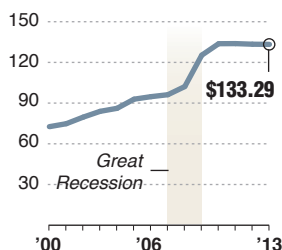
Less than 10% 10-14.9 15-19.9 20 or more



15.4% of the U.S. population receives food stamps

Benefit per person

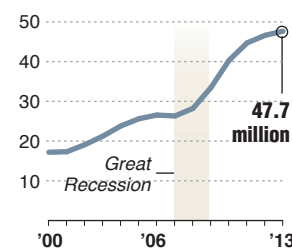
Average dollars per month



Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Graphic: Judy Treible

People receiving SNAP

Average per year, in millions



NOTE: Data in fiscal years, 2013 data as of July 5 © 2013 MCT

'Pozzolan mining on Pagan not dead yet'

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The company that previously held the right to mine pozzolan on Pagan said the Inos administration and the Department of Public Lands has ordered them to submit additional documents as they seek the reinstatement of the terminated mining permit.

"They told me they will help me on the project and I still have to submit some documents before they make any decision. We still have to sit down," said JG Sablan Rock Quarry, Inc. owner John T. Sablan.

He said that Gov. Eloy S. Inos, Public Lands Secretary Pete A. Tenorio, and both the House of Representatives and Senate are supportive of the project to mine pozzolan in the Northern Islands.

Pozzolan, volcanic ash spewed on Pagan, is used as an additive to make concrete.

JG Sablan Rock Quarry sued DPL in 2006 after the

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» **JG Sablan: I need to submit some documents**



REGION'S EDUCATION LEADERS AND ADVOCATES

The Pacific region's education leaders, advocates and decision-makers gather for a photo Saturday during the Regional Education Laboratory meeting. They are also representing their respective island entities in the 28th Pacific Educational Conference, which begins today. From front row: Richard Seder, REL Pacific associate director; Education Commissioner Dr. Rita A. Sablan; Eloise Sanchez, representing Guam Department of Education; Hilda Heine, Marshall Islands Minister of Education; Noha Ruben, Chuuk's Department of Education deputy director. Middle row: Robert Soliai, American Samoa Department of Education program director; Jim Arenovski, REL board member; Emery Wenty of Palau's Ministry of Education; Patrick Tellei, president Palau Community College; consultant Juan L. Babauta. Back row: Wendy Kekahio, McREL principal researcher; Henry Falan, speaker of the Yap Legislature; Dr. Nolan Malone, McREL's vice president for Pacific Operation and REL Pacific director; Wilson Kephas, administrator Kosrae Department of Education; Rufino Mauricio, Federated States of Micronesia secretary of education, and Joseph Villazon, Ponape's director of education.

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IN ONGOING JURY TRIAL OF KILELEMAN, FITIAL

Medical examiner testifies in Keju's cause of death

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Guam chief medical examiner Dr. Aurelio Espinola took the witness stand yesterday to testify about what killed Kiauol Keju, a 19-year-old man who died after being beaten up by two men and subsequently ran over by two vehicles.

Espinola, who did the autopsy on Keju, said the victim's multiple injuries point to only on thing: homicide.

"In our point of view, somebody else did it," said Espinola, responding to Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho question for clarification as to the meaning of homicide as a medical term.

Espinola testified that the cause of Keju's death were blunt trauma to the chest and abdomen. He said the injury to the chest caused bleeding into the lungs.

Espinola was among the witnesses presented by the prosecution yesterday in the ongoing jury trial of Felix Kileleman Jr. and his uncle, Herman S. Fitia.

Kileleman and Fitia are charged each with involuntary manslaughter and assault and battery.

The two allegedly assaulted Keju during an argument in front of a store in Garapan on the evening of Jan. 1, 2013. The two allegedly left the victim lying along Middle Road. Two vehicles later ran over Keju.

The driver of the first vehicle fled the island, while the driver of the second vehicle stopped

and called for assistance.

Espinola testified that Keju sustained massive and superficial injuries in different parts of the body, all consistent with being dragged by a car, ran over by cars, and being punched.

Assistant attorney general Brian Flaherty showed on screen photographs showing Keju's massive injuries.

Espinola noted that the injuries on the victim's back may have been caused by being run

over by a car. He explained that the injuries on the victim's back had no signs of impact, but there was hemorrhage inside the body. He said this happened because of the car's weight. Espinola said he did not see any evidence that Keju was directly hit by a car.

Espinola's testimony bolstered police reports that Keju was already lying down on the road when two cars ran him over.

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K9 HANDLERS

Customs K9 handlers John Reyes, Joey Songao and John Pangelinan show off their certificates after the graduation ceremony on July 3, 2013, that caps a 10-week passive drug-detector dog course. The graduation signified the official revival of the CNMI Customs Services Division's K9 Unit.

HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

New foundation to kick off after NMC reaffirmation

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Northern Marianas College president Sharon Y. Hart, Ph.D., who is also an ex-officio member of the NMC Foundation, said the college's new foundation will formally start work once NMC reaffirms its accreditation with the Accrediting Commission of Community Junior and Colleges.

The accrediting commission is set to meet in January 2014 where it will decide the fate of NMC's accreditation, which is now under show cause status.

"The goal of the new foundation is really to get moving as soon as the college reaffirms its accreditation. Right now, what they are doing are all developmental works," said Hart.

The new NMC Foundation was created over a year ago. From just two remaining board members—after the resignation of some directors—they now number 10.

Saipan Tribune learned that six members were named to the position and added to the foundation board on June 18.

Joining interim NMC Foundation president Dr. Alan Mar-

koff and long-time director David Burger on the board are returning member Ben Babauta and new members David Sablan, Bud White, Jerry Facey, Lillian Cabrera, and Joe Santos. The board also has two ex-officio members: Hart and NMC alumni president Jack Kiyoshi.

The Board of Regents created the original NMC Foundation in 1999 for the purpose of acquiring, managing, and disbursing funds from alternative sources to support the advancement of NMC's educational programs and services. It is a nonprofit organization composed of community volunteers primarily from the business sector who are dedicated to improving higher education in the CNMI.

Last year, the Foundation board adopted to develop a new foundation that will separately function and will focus on raising funds for the college from international sources, including philanthropists and foundations across the nation.

According to Hart, because of the critical situation of the college accreditation at present, the new foundation decided to start work only after the accreditation situation has been stabilized.

"Trying to raise money for the college now is extremely difficult because we're not sure of what will happen [with the accreditation]. But it will start work as soon as we reaffirm our accreditation," she said.

Despite the resignations of some board members last year, Hart said their departure did not halt or interrupt the activities of the existing foundation. She said fundraising activities were never put on hold and continue to be lined up.

As of last year, the NMC Foundation has an estimated asset value of close to \$5 million, the bulk of which is invested in stocks and other investments. The Foundation was primarily established to handle the endowment fund received by the college from a land grant amounting to \$3 million.

When asked about the membership composition of the new foundation, Hart said the organization will probably have the same names of its directors.

"Once reaffirmed, the new foundation will kick off and probably some members in the existing foundation will move to the new. But right now, they can't move ahead until they know that the college is in good shape," she told *Saipan Tribune*.



Hart

Saipan power generation sufficient at 74 MW

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Power customers of the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. on Saipan are assured of a stable electricity supply following disclosure that the agency now generates sufficient power and maintains the required energy reserve for the island.

Records obtained by *Saipan Tribune* showed that from April 2012 through March 2013, CUC generated a monthly capacity of 74.9 megawatts and a peak demand of just 35.30 MW, leaving the agency with 112 percent reserve margin or extra generation capacity for unanticipated incidents when power plants are forced to shut down. This extra capacity provides protection against blackouts.

Saipan recorded a peak demand of 35.30 MW in May and June last year. In March 2013, total demand was 31.60 MW.

Unlike in the U.S. mainland where the required reserve margin is at least 15 percent, other utilities like CUC has to maintain a reserve energy of 50 percent to 75 percent because it cannot purchase electricity from other utilities in times of emergencies, unlike other states.

The more-than-sufficient power production is attributed to the progress made in boosting the capacity of CUC's Power Plant 1, which used to produce only 9 MW in 2009; its current production capacity is 62 MW. The improvement is due to major rehabilitation and upgrade work on all its engines.

CUC estimates that Power Plant 1 can produce 488,808

MWh in a year.

Power Plant 1 has eight diesel engines, of which seven are producing electricity: engine 1 (6 MW); engine 2 (6 MW); engine 3 (6 MW); engine 5 (11 MW); engine 6 (11 MW); engine 7 (11 MW); and engine 8 (11 MW).

Power Plant 2 generates 6 MW. This power plant has six diesel engines, of which three produce 2 MW each.

Power Plant 4, meantime, is currently on standby but is well-maintained. It was learned that this power plant has a standby capacity of 12.9 MW and can produce 101,704 MWh annually.

The combined available capacity of power plants 1 and 4 is 74.9 MW and the combined maximum energy production capability of the two power plants is 590,512 MWh.

'SGPP generating cheaper power than CUC'

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Saipan Chamber of Commerce president Alex Sablan has misgivings about the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s insistence that self-generating power producers should commit to joining the power grid.

For one, Sablan said these private producers generate power that is as much as 11 cents cheaper than what the utilities company offers per kilowatt hour.

He also has questions whether the CUC power grid is stable.

"CUC needs to prove to the CNMI business community that they can sustain themselves. That they can have a viable power grid and that we don't have to see brownouts day in and day out, which is continuing until today," he said during the Chamber's monthly meeting last week at the Pacific Islands Club Saipan.

He said he's been learning about periodic brownouts on the island not only from postings in social media but also through recent personal ex-

perience.

"I read in a Facebook page that the power came out in Kagman the other morning. So that's still going on a lot all over the island. I mentioned in my spiel that I had lunch a couple of weeks ago and the power was out and people were beginning to worry. These unannounced brownouts, again, tends to tell me and a lot people complaining about this idea of forcing people on to the grid, that they [CUC] are not stable. So I think it behooves them to get stable and prove to the business community that they can provide safe and reliable power so we can provide safe and reliable conditions to our patrons."

Sablan also wrote in the Chamber's monthly bulletin: "While I agree having these SGPPs on the grid could conceivably somewhat reduce my household kilowatt hour rate, the pragmatic side of me also can't agree that we risk the survival of our tourism industry for the sake of addressing CUC's interest when they can't produce reliable and clean power to ensure the health, welfare, and safety of

tourism industry patrons, not to mention you and I."

Besides, Sablan said in the past the CNMI government, in concert with CUC, required large power consumers like hotels, large retailers, and the long closed garment factories to build, operate, and maintain 24/7 power generation plants within their respective plants to ensure that CUC's main power grid did not collapse.

"While I can't speak for all SGPPs, I do have it good authority that many have not depreciated or amortized their multi-million dollar investment in their plants," he said.

One suggestion he offered the Legislature is to consider providing enabling legislation to give CUC the ability to negotiate a graduated scale in power rates for commercial users, where they could slowly bring SGPPs into the grid and allow them to recoup their investments.

"This would be a much more proactive approach to ensure fairness and provide SGPPs a semblance of stability, as CUC earns trust in providing reliable, cost-efficient, power utility service."

Man allegedly picks a fight with Laundromat customer

An allegedly drunk man threw a rock and stick at a customer of a laundry shop in Koblerville on Thursday night.

Matt Souneng, 26, was arrested that night and taken to Superior Court Monday on charges of assault with a dangerous weapon and disturbing the peace. His bail is \$10,000 cash.

The alleged victim was limping due to a bruise on his left thigh when police officers arrived at the scene.

Police detective Francisco Romeo O. Iginoef stated in his report that two police officers responded to the KB Market in Koblerville on Thursday at 10:45pm shortly after the Department of Public Safety's dispatcher received a disturbance call.

Iginoef said the officers recovered at the scene a stick about three inches in diameter

and three feet long.

Police's preliminary investigation showed that the victim and his family were doing laundry at KB Laundry when Souneng talked to the victim's minor nephew outside the laundry shop. The minor child later ran inside the laundry establishment.

When the victim confronted Souneng, the suspect allegedly became aggressive. He left but returned to KB Laundry about 10 minutes later, shouting and challenging the victim to a fight.

When the victim stepped outside, Souneng allegedly threw a rock at him but missed. Souneng then allegedly threw a stick, hitting the victim on the left leg.

The suspect ran toward the Shell gas station where he continued yelling profanities and taunting the victim to a fight. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

Woodruff wants side to be heard in disbarment matter in federal court

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Attorney Stephen C. Woodruff has asked the federal court not to impose in that court Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman's order disbaring him from the CNMI Bar.

Woodruff also asked the U.S. District Court for the NMI on Friday to allow him to be heard on the disbarment matter.

Woodruff said imposition of "identical discipline" on him in the federal court would be unwarranted.

Wiseman ordered Woodruff's disbarment in June for committing a total of 44 violations of the Model Rules of Professional Conduct.

"The court finds Mr. Woodruff's conduct and the numerous violations totally inconsistent with the standard of competent and diligent representation of his clients," said Wiseman in the order.

On June 14, 2013, U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona gave notice that she will impose "reciprocal discipline" on Woodruff based on Wiseman's order.

In his response filed Friday, Woodruff noted that Wiseman's order is not a final order of discipline as he (Woodruff) has exercised his right to appeal and request a stay of sanctions under the CNMI Disciplinary Rules.

Woodruff also stated that he has previously filed a suggestion for Manglona to recuse herself in the case.

First off, he said the CNMI Supreme Court proceedings in the disciplinary case filed against him tainted the Superior Court proceedings.

Woodruff said the disciplinary counsel was allowed in the Superior Court to make arguments based on the record of the CNMI

Supreme Court proceedings.

Moreover, Woodruff said, the disbarment order contains references to the record of proceedings in the CNMI Supreme Court.

Second, he said, Associate Justice John Manglona, the spouse of Chief Judge Manglona, continues to be a justice of the CNMI Supreme Court.

Woodruff said the CNMI Supreme Court now has jurisdiction over Wiseman's order on which reciprocal discipline in federal court would be based.

Third, Woodruff said, the disbarment order contains references to cases in federal court, including cases in which Chief Judge Manglona has entered orders.

He said the disbarment order disparages his practice in federal court and base its imposition of discipline in part on orders in those cases, despite the fact that none of those cases (except two) were ever entered on the record in the Superior Court.

Woodruff noted that in the two cases, he actually obtained judgments in his favor in civil suits filed in the Superior Court.

Woodruff said the orders issued by Wiseman in his disciplinary proceedings "are tantamount to an open declaration of the judge's bias and prejudice" against him.

He said he twice called this bias and prejudice to Wiseman's attention and orally suggested that he recuse himself.

He said that Wiseman denied his bias and refused to recuse himself.

"Yet the bias and prejudice—and judicial overreaching—are obvious in the record. In the disbarment order, the judge also misleadingly stated procedural and other facts, thus presenting a false impression to readers of the order," Woodruff said.

MHS wants to go solar

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The largest public school on island, Marianas High School, wants to initiate a solar power project on campus that will not only provide the campus with clean renewable power but will also serve as a teaching tool.

The solar power project, once built, will be used to teach STEM subjects—science, technology, engineering, and math.

Education Commissioner Rita A. Sablan, Ed.D., and PSS federal programs officer Tim Thornburgh endorsed the project for the Board of Education's approval in last week's meeting. The board later gave

the go-signal for PSS to apply for a federal grant managed by the U.S. Office of Insular Affairs under its technical assistant grant to fund the project.

The MHS solar project requires a total of 1,010 250-watt solar panels that will produce 1,641.25 kilowatts of electricity. The peak requirement of MHS is 1,421 kilowatts.

The solar panels will produce electricity from sunrise to sunset with peak production from 9am to 3pm, which coincides with school hours.

According to the board, phase 1 will cover a fifth of the project—or 328 kilowatts—which will provide power for one-fifth of the school or one of the two-story buildings. The estimated

total cost of phase 1 is \$200,000, which it wants to tap from OIA.

Funding for phase 2 will be sought through a grant or loan or a combination of the two.

MHS, which has over 1,500 students, is billed by the government utility at a rate of \$.36 a kilowatt-hour, resulting in a monthly bill averaging \$20,000 per month.

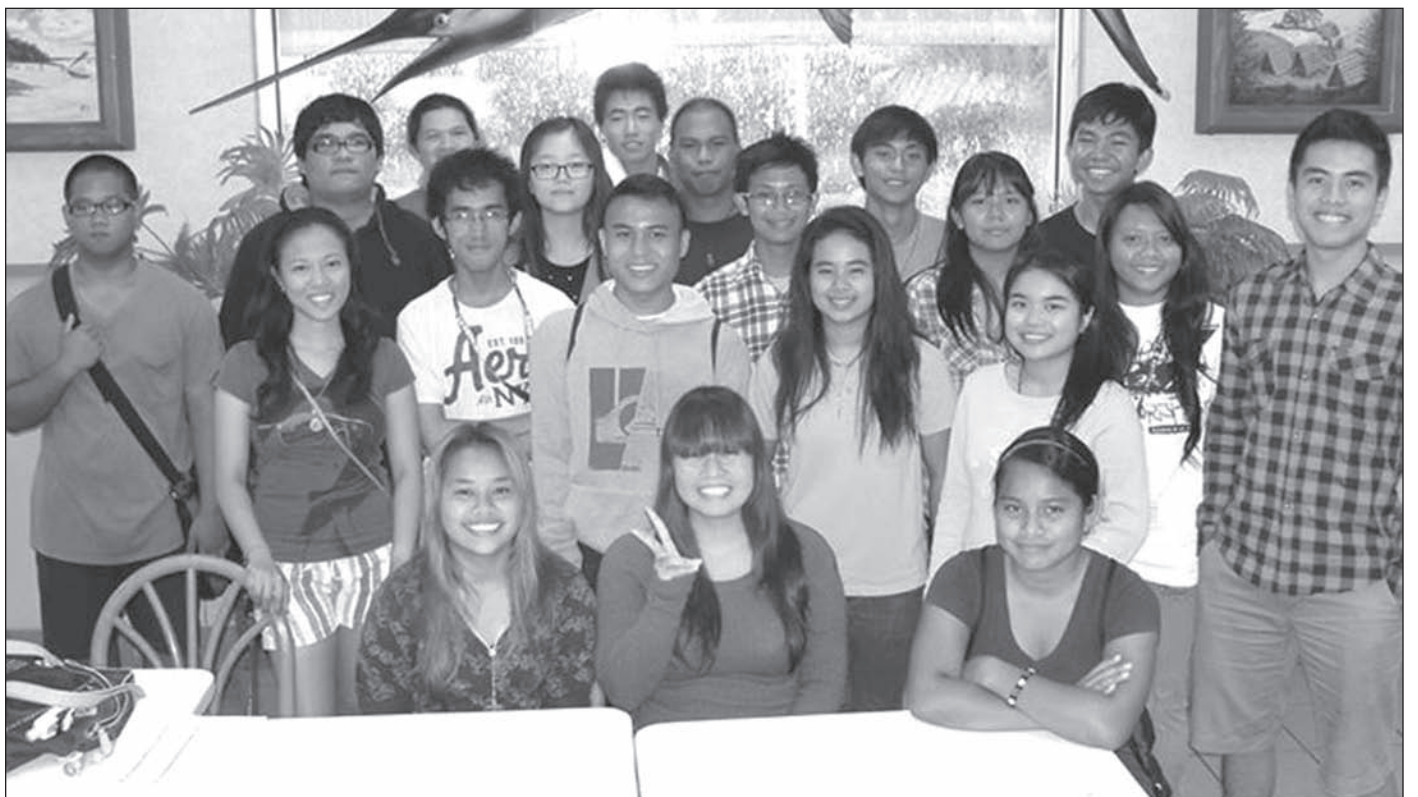
According to education officials, the location of the CNMI is ideal for solar power as it has 6.5 hours of peak sunlight due to its location just 15 degrees north of the equator. The 6.5 hours of peak sunlight also coincides with the school day, which is perfect for the use of solar power.

The solar panels will be lo-

cated on the second floor roofs of Buildings A, B, and C, which are flat and rectangular structures with 26,000 square feet of roof space. Buildings A, B, and C are made of reinforced concrete and the weight of the solar panels will not be an issue. The rectangular classroom buildings allow for a north and south plane for mounting the solar panels, perfect to capture the maximum amount of solar energy from the sun.

If realized, this project is expected to bring PSS substantial savings of \$200,000 that it can use to pay for the salaries of six additional classroom teachers at MHS.

The solar panels, they added, will serve as a model for possible school system replication with a potential savings of over \$2 million per year covering 19 schools.



KAKEHASHI PROJECT

Marianas High School students who participated in the Kakehashi Project of Japan are scheduled to arrive tomorrow, July 18, after more than a week of learning about the Japanese culture and the everyday life in Japan. A total of 23 MHS students took part in the trip.

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ERIC CAMACHO SABLAN REFERRAL RAFFLE FUNDRAISING WINNERS

Eric Camacho Sablan and his family would like to extend its sincere appreciation to all the people who in one way or another helped in the success of his referral raffle ticket fundraising that was held on Saturday, July 13, 2013 at the Sabalo Market in Susupe at Ada's Farm tent. Listed below are the winners of the raffle:

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1st Prize	3922	Louise Bodig
2nd Prize	4395	Holly C.
3rd Prize	3584	Terry DLG
4th Prize	1797	DelaCruz
5th Prize	1007	Rose Gibbons
6th Prize	2444	Devonne Sablan
7th Prize	5031	No Name
8th Prize	3061	Pia Cruz
9th Prize	5091	Josh Villagomez
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SNAP

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the Agriculture Committee he leads.

"But the fate of the pilot program and national food stamp reauthorization is now uncertain," he said.

USA Today reports that the passed farm bill focuses solely on farm programs and would delay, at least for now, efforts to overhaul the country's food stamp program that traditionally has made up 80 percent of spending in the bill.

The same reports said that 48 million Americans benefit from the popular program, which is a federal program administered by the U.S. Department of Ag-

riculture and managed by the Department of Social Services.

U.S. citizens and certain legal immigrants who have little or no income are likely to be eligible for SNAP.

Sablan said the CNMI's inclusion in the nationwide SNAP program would have given the islands more funds for food assistance.

"While we have been successful at increasing the food stamp block grant for the Northern Marianas from \$10.187 million in 2009 to \$12.148 million this year, the SNAP pilot is worth an additional \$33 million over five years."

Despite the non-inclusion of the SNAP program, Sablan assured that his office will continue to work hard in securing

additional assistance for the Commonwealth.

"Full participation in SNAP would double the benefits for needy families in the NMI. The bill passed by the Republican majority does incorporate my proposal to make the Northern Marianas eligible for grants from the McIntire-Stennis forestry research program and reauthorizes other agricultural programs NMI farmers' use. And despite this week's setback, I will keep working to bring the benefits of SNAP to our islands."

The SNAP reauthorization would have directed the U.S. Agriculture secretary to provide a report on the feasibility of including the CNMI in the national food stamp program.

This study will include the federal costs for providing technical assistance to the CNMI, authorizing and monitoring retail food stores, and assessing pilot operations.

In an earlier report, Gov. Eloy S. Inos said he supports the initiative to include the CNMI in the SNAP, primarily because it will pump more money into the local economy compared to the current food stamp assistance block grant program.

The CNMI was to receive \$13.5 million for the pilot program in fiscal year 2016. It was then supposed to receive \$8.5 million for the same program in each of fiscal years 2017 and 2018. Overall, the funding for the CNMI under the bill was supposed to be about \$32.5 million.

THE 28TH PEC DELEGATION HEADS

With Board of Education chair Herman T. Guerrero, vice chair Lucia Blanco Maratita, and board member MaryLou S. Ada, the representatives and delegation heads from American Samoa, Federated States of Micronesia (Chuuk, Kosrae, Pohnpei, and Yap), Guam, Hawaii, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Republic of Palau, Nauru, and the CNMI were introduced by Education Commissioner Dr. Rita A. Sablan, background, on stage, during last night's island luau hosted by the CNMI State Board of Education and Public School System.

PSS PHOTO

POZZOLAN

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latter terminated the former's mining permit.

Last Friday, Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman ruled that JG Sablan Rock Quarry's mining permit is no longer valid because it has been terminated.

Sablan said it is his hope that JG Sablan's mining permit will be reinstated. "We can start doing it and if they decide to work on it we can just work it out."

He also shared Tenorio's insight on the U.S. military's interest in Pagan as a future training site.

"Pretty much concerned but they have yet to decide and they still have a couple of years before they can make a decision."

Tenorio, for his part, said his department is willing to talk anew with JG Sablan Rock Quarry about the terminated mining permit.

"I will continue to talk with the governor and plan what we need to do. So we have called in John [T.] Sablan and we had a talk whether or not he can do this thing. Many more questions need to be answered before we decide to do something with the permit. We're in

the stage where we're getting more information and updated information from JG Sablan Rock Quarry. Nothing has been decided."

Aside from the court decision, he said that DPL and JG Sablan Rock Quarry should also look into whether the mining of pozzolan is actually economically feasible.

"This was a permit that was issued to learn whether the pozzolan is in effect actually exploitable and sufficient in amount to generate major income to the CNMI. That has never been proven because the permit was terminated before a metric ton of pozzolan was extracted to market. We don't have that kind of information because that didn't happen," said Tenorio.

JG Sablan Rock Quarry Inc. was the holder of a commercial mining permit issued on Sept. 8, 1995, by the Marianas Public Land Corp., now DPL. That permit was for the mining and extraction of pozzolan on Pagan.

DPL terminated the commercial mining permit on May 3, 2006. After six years of litigation, the CNMI Supreme Court upheld on March 30, 2012, the termination of JG Sablan Rock Quarry's mining permit.

An overview of the food stamp program

Food stamps, now called the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), are being targeted by politicians and by health advocates who want the federal program to restrict the ability to buy food with little nutritional value, which is currently allowed.

How food stamps can/can't be used

Not allowed

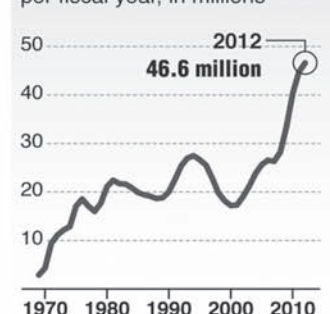
- Hot foods ready to eat or heated in store
- Lunch-counter items or foods to be eaten in store
- Any nonfood items
- Vitamins or medicines
- Pet food

Allowed

- Any other food or food product for human consumption
- Seeds and plants for use in home gardens to produce food

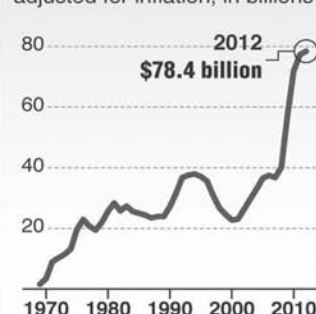
Program participants

Average number of participants per fiscal year, in millions

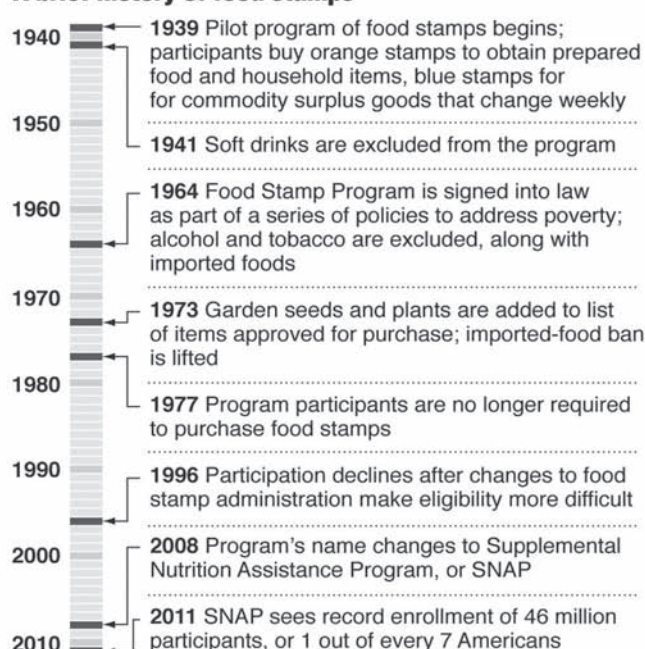


Program costs

Dollars per fiscal year, adjusted for inflation, in billions



A brief history of food stamps



Source: Illinois Department of Human Services, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Eat Drink Politics, Bureau of Labor Statistics
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MEDICAL

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Another government witness, a gas attendant at the Mobil gas station on Middle Road, Garapan, testified yesterday that he saw Keju fall during the fight with the de-

fendants.

The gas attendant said that Fitial and Kileleman walked away heading north, leaving Keju on the road.

The witness said he asked his co-worker to call the police as he directed traffic to prevent incoming cars from running over the victim.

Police officer Eric David testified that he was the first responder to the scene after he received a report about a possible hit and run incident.

David said a driver of a blue Hilux that was parked near the scene told him that he believed he ran over something. He separated the driver and his

passenger from bystanders so he could keep an eye on them.

David was referring to the driver of the second vehicle that ran over Keju. The driver was neither arrested nor charged as he stopped and assisted the victim.

The last government's witness yesterday was a 15-year-

old boy who at the time was with his brother inside Mobil.

The boy said he saw two men chasing one person, Keju, in front of the Mobil parking lot. He said Keju ran to Middle Road and the two men chased him.

The boy said people at Mobil later rushed out so he followed

them. He said he saw Keju lying on the road and that the two men were no longer there.

He said Keju was on the side of the road when a blue pickup truck ran him over. He said the truck turned back.

The boy will continue his testimony today, Wednesday, at 8:30am.



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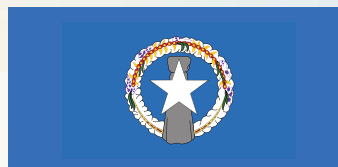


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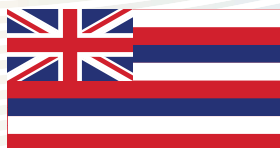
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COTA chief gives glimpse of future of public transport

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Commonwealth Office of Transit Authority special assistant Thomas J. Camacho gave a glimpse of the future of public transportation in the CNMI that includes not just a bus system but also a Saipan-Tinian-Rota ferry system and even an aerial tramway network on the islands.

Camacho, who outlined these plans at the Rotary Club of Saipan's meeting at the Hyatt Regency Saipan yesterday, said his office is in the process of bidding out a 20-year Transportation Master Plan for the islands.

The master plan will, among other things, create a feasibility study of viable public transportation that can be adopted in the Commonwealth.

These include "fixed" and "flex" bus system that will complement each other, a ferry service initially for the Saipan-Tinian route and then eventually for the Tinian-Rota route, and the more ambitious aerial tramway network that Camacho says will only be implemented once the islands roadways are already



Commonwealth Office of Transit Authority special assistant Thomas J. Camacho served as guests speak of the Rotary Club of Saipan's weekly meeting yesterday at the Hyatt Regency Saipan. To Camacho's right is Rotary president Laila Y. Boyer and to his left is vice president Richard Cody.

congested.

Camacho said the "fixed" and "flexed" bus system will be in addition to the current Call-A-Ride Saipan service available only to people with disabilities and those over the age of 55.

The current Cal-A-Ride Saipan service runs only between 6am and 6pm.

Camacho hopes the "fixed" and "flexed" bus system will finally be established by spring 2014 after the feasibility study

is completed.

"The 'fixed' route will be open to everybody—residents and tourists—and can go by the airport. Not through the dropoff area but close to the airport and can drop off and pick up passen-

gers for the airlines," he said.

One thing about this fixed route, he said, is its affordability.

"We will make it affordable and we will make it safe for the elderly and security wise it will be one of our main concerns. The rate will be very much cheaper than the illegal taxis out there."

As for the interisland ferry service, Camacho said the feasibility study will look at what type of ferry suits the islands.

"A lot of people want an auto-passenger ferry for Saipan and Tinian. They will look at the different terminals—whether it will be located at a commercial port like the [Garapan] Fishing Base or Sugar Dock in Chalan Kanoa and of course [a similar location] on Tinian."

The study will also examine the type of loading that will be ideal, whether it will be a back-, side-, or front-loading ferryboat.

For now, the priority is the Saipan-Tinian ferry route.

"We want to take care where the most needed public transport is, which is basically between Saipan and Tinian. We will definitely be assessing Rota's needs

in 2014."

On the topic of the tramway, Camacho said the feasibility study will look into it as an option. "If roads no longer exist to expand, then we're also looking at an aerial tramway."

COTA will also inaugurate its own office in the foreseeable future, according to Camacho. It is currently leasing the second floor of the NMI Retirement Fund building. Its future office will be in Lower Base close to Saipan Ice and Water Co. and already has an existing warehouse that can be converted into a vehicle maintenance facility.

COTA has a \$2.9 million budget that's fully sourced from federal funds. While it can generate funds by charging fees for its services and from advertising spots on its buses, Camacho said he hopes that in the future it will get its hands on some local funding.

"Will rely on the 20-year sustainable master plan because it will give us an outlook of the financial requirements that we need. We will look into some of the [outside] funding sources we can apply for and look into some kind of local tax."

OPA AUDIT TRACKING REPORT FOR 2012

'Govt can potentially recover \$6.1M in improper expenses'

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REPORTER

The CNMI Office of Public Auditor disclosed yesterday that several agencies have been found delinquent and not taking action to address audit findings uncovered in their books in 2012.

It was bared that the government can potentially recover up to \$6.1 million if the government pursues legal action and if certain agencies will aggressively

address the deficiencies identified in their audit reports.

OPA tracked a total of 34 audit recommendations during calendar year 2012, of which only one was closed while 33 remain open or resolved. Of the 33, a total of 25 are considered delinquent.

An open recommendation is one where no action or plan of action has been made while those marked resolved are when the explanation or recommendation satisfies OPA. A delinquent

status pertains to recommendations that have been outstanding for at least 180 days and OPA has not been informed of any action being taken to close the recommendation.

Of the 34 recommendations tracked, 25 were found delinquent—an increase of 47 percent over calendar year 2011, which had a delinquency of 17. Agencies with delinquent recommendations include the Office of the Attorney General,

Commonwealth Ports Authority, Department of Finance, and the Department of Public Safety.

Meantime, the only audit recommendation that was marked closed was an overpay noted in the NMI Retirement Fund, which was addressed by its acting administrator who responded that the overpaid individual is now deceased and that pursuant to the statute of limitation, the outstanding receivable can no longer be collected.

According to OPA, audit recommendations in seven reports were referred to the OAG for legal action to recover improperly expended monies—about \$2.6 million in potentially recoverable funds for the government. However, it was noted that the OAG did not provide OPA with updates on these referral cases during follow-up process so the potentially recoverable amount remains unchanged.

Besides the \$2.6 million,

there is also a potential recovery of about \$3.5 million in eight audit reports addressed to various agencies. No updates were received by OPA on these cases as of Dec. 31, 2012.

According to OPA, potential recoveries from these agencies actually total \$4.726 million, of which \$1.054 million has been partially recovered while \$107,582 is no longer recoverable, leaving a balance of \$3.564 million.

SAEF has new owner, new name

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A Canadian businessman has bought Saipan American Educational Foundation from a company owned by Dr. Johnny Fong and has renamed it the Northern Marianas International School.

The school will continue to be located at the fourth floor of the Marianas Business Plaza in

Susupe and owner Ronnie Tan said they already have 80 students enrolled for the coming 2013-2014 school year.

Currently, NMIS caters to students from daycare to 8th grade with plans to add a 9th and 10th grade in 2014 and 2015.

"I have always been passionate about children's education as I believe that a good education will be an asset for each child's future. There is no definite cost for children's education and the cost of expansion and improving our school is infinite," said Tan in an interview with the *Saipan Tribune*.

He said he acquired the school for an undisclosed amount be-

cause of its ideal location, good team of teachers, strong administrative staff, and its overall goals and vision for the betterment of students.

"We will continue to give excellent education and expand further into modern learning environment with e-learning in conjunction with traditional teaching for children in the elementary and middle school," added Tan.

Aside from a new name, which the new owner said was adopted to reflect the ideology of education with the use of "international" further enhancing the trend of cultural and linguistic diversity, NMIS will also have a new motto: "Academic excellence is our top priority."

"We will live by our motto and strive to do better for the future generation," said Tan.

With the planned expansion of the school, NMIS will continue to recruit experienced teachers and staff. Tan also assured that there will be no layoffs and that the school hopes to increase the number of its teachers by adding more students.



Tan



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Coastal Resources Management Office (CRMO) will be holding a public hearing regarding Coastal Permit Application No. SMS-2013-X-049 submitted by SSFM CNMI, LLC on behalf of Capital Improvement Project Office for the Kalebera Cave Development Project in Marpi, Saipan. The project site is to enhance the Kalebera Cave and adjacent parcel of approximately two (02) acres of public land plot 065-C-05 in Marpi, Saipan. The development project will include: 1,439 square meters for paved parking lot, concrete walkway from the parking lot to the entrance of the cave a distance of 128 meters, two (02) replicas of ancient Chamorro latte huts, a prayer/offering area, interpretive panels, portable toilets, and viewing platform.

The public hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, July 31, 2013, 6:30 PM at the Coastal Resources Management Office in Susupe, Saipan.

The public is invited to attend and make oral comments regarding this project. The project file is open for review and comments during business hours from 7:30 A.M. — 4:30 P.M. Written comments can be submitted to the CRM Office located in Susupe, Saipan immediately behind the Bureau of Motor Vehicle building, or mail to Coastal Resources Management Office, Caller Box 10007 or fax at 664-8315. All written and oral comments received will be made a part of the permit application record, and will be considered in any decision made concerning the proposed project.

Please contact Coastal Resources Management at 664-8300/1 if you have any questions or require further information regarding this project.

/s/ Ana C. Agulto
Acting Administrator
Coastal Resources Management



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PROCUREMENT AND DELIVERY OF INTEROPERABLE PORTABLE RADIOS ACCESSORIES AND BASE STATION

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL CPA-RFP-009-13

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting cost proposal for the procurement and delivery of interoperable radios, accessories and base station for its Seaport Operation.

The location and scope of work package is available beginning June 24, 2013 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd Floor, Arrival Building, at the Saipan International Airport.

All proposals shall be sealed and marked on the cover package: "Procurement and Delivery of Interoperable Portable Radios, Accessories, and Base Station-CPA-RFP-009-13." One (1) original and two (2) copies of the proposal must be submitted before 4:30 p.m. LOCAL TIME, July 29, 2013, at the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd Floor of the Arrival Building, at the Saipan International Airport.

Proposals submitted after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted under any circumstances. CPA reserves the right to reject any and all proposals if in its opinion to do so is in CPA's best interest.

Funding for this procurement is made possible by the 2011 Port Security Grant Program from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

/s/ BENIGNO M. SABLAN
Acting Chairman/Contracting Officer



CNMI JUDICIARY/JIM STOWELL

Colleagues, family, and friends honor Roxanne M. Weaver in a memorial tribute in the Supreme Court courtroom. In black robes on the top row from left to right are Ramona V. Manglona, U.S. District Court Judge for the NMI; and Heather L. Kennedy, NMI Magistrate Judge; Associate Justice John A. Manglona, Chief Justice Alexandro C. Castro, Associate Justice Perry B. Inos, Presiding Judge Robert C. Naraja, and Associate Judges David A. Wiseman and Joseph N. Camacho.



CNMI JUDICIARY/JIM STOWELL

Roxanne M. Weaver's husband, Gene E. Weaver, is pictured with Superior Court Presiding Judge Robert C. Naraja, third and fourth from left, along with Roxanne's mother, Victoria Reyes Maratita, and the five children, daughters Jourdon and Tori, sons Garrett, Justis, and Pedro.

Judiciary holds memorial tribute for Roxanne M. Weaver

The CNMI Judiciary held a memorial service Friday, July 12, for Roxanne Marie Maratita Weaver, a deputy clerk II for the Superior Court until she suddenly passed away over the Fourth of July weekend.

She is survived by her husband, Gerald "Gene" W. Weaver, building superintendent for the Judiciary; their five children, sons Justis, Pedro, Garrett and daughters Jourdon and Tori; her mother Victoria Reyes Maratita; three brothers, and one sister.

Weaver began work for the Judiciary on Aug. 15, 2011, after 11 years with the NMI Retirement Fund, preceded by two years each with the Marianas - Hawaii Liaison Office and Carlsmith Ball Wichman Case & Ichiki.



Chief Justice Alexandro C. Castro presented a service appreciation plaque to Weaver's husband, inscribed: "To Roxanne M. Weaver, whose dedication and commitment to the CNMI Judiciary are hereby recognized and appreciated. Time will never erase the work she accomplished in the Judi-

ciary and the lives she positively affected."

Superior Court Presiding Judge Robert C. Naraja, Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho and Clerk of the Superior Court Patrick V. Diaz spoke of the professional relationships they enjoyed with Weaver, her devoted work ethic, kindly manner, and special sense of humor.

Ramona V. Manglona, U.S. District Court Judge for the NMI, and Heather L. Kennedy, NMI Magistrate Judge, both of whom had worked with Weaver when they were with the CNMI Judiciary, joined the justices, judges, staff of the CNMI Judiciary, and Roxanne's family and friends in the moving memorial tribute held in the Supreme Court courtroom. *(NMI Judiciary)*

Korean Cultural Festival today

The 2013 Korean Cultural Festival will be held today, June 17, starting 5:30pm at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center.

The event actually is the 68th staging of the festival and also marks Liberation Day on Saipan.

Among the performers during the 2013 Korean Cultural Festival are the Ryu Dance

Company led by Ryu Young Soo with 23 other members; Zero Dance Project with Jung Jae Yong and five other members; and the 20-member Yoon Sumi Dance Company headed by Yoon Su Mi.

Ryu Dance Company will perform the *Korean Traditional Fan Dance*, while Yoon Sumi Dance Company will showcase

Taepyeongmu, Jindo Book-chum, and Sprout. Last but not the least the Zero Dance Project will do *Slow Walk: The ordeal of change*.

The 2013 Korean Cultural Festival is being sponsored by the Saipan Mayor's Office and Saipan Mayor Donald Flores, Laolao Bay Golf & Resort, Tasi Tour, *Saipan Times*, and Asiana Airlines. *(Saipan Tribune)*



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



INVITATION FOR BIDS CUC-IFB-13-021

CONSTRUCTION OF 300K GALLON TANK REPLACEMENT FOR PAPAGO TANK

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), Office of the Executive Director, is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Construction of a 300K Gallon Tank Replacement for Papago Tank for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This project is funded by a grant from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of the approval for project award from USEPA.

The selected firm shall have experience in construction and design of pre-stressed concrete and or welded steel water storage tanks. The work consists of demolition of the existing glass-fused, steel bolted 0.50 million gallon tank and its foundation; construction of the new 300K gallon tank as per approved design, foundation, tank appurtenances, and yard piping and connections.

The project is to be completed in **300 calendar days** from date of contract award.

The Bid Tender Documents may be secured, upon receipt of payment by the CUC Treasury Section by cash, check or credit card of \$100.00. The payment is non-refundable. The payment receipt shall be presented to the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

A Pre-Bid Conference is scheduled on July 11, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. (ChST), at the CUC Safety & Compliance Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No. 14, Joeten Dandan, Commercial Building.

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This Invitation for Bids and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

One (1) original and Five (5) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB-13-021, Construction of 300K Gallon Tank Replacement for Papago Tank" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on August 6, 2013**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. Insufficient copies of bid submitted can be subject to technical default and rejection of bid.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A Payment Bond of one hundred percent (100%) and a Performance Bond of one hundred percent (100%) of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. For the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract, the Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurer questions, concerns and qualification shall be governed by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code. Please refer to other bidding requirements described in Section 002113 - Instructions to Bidders.

All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on July 19, 2013 to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Procurement & Supply Manager, via email manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to John Riegel, Water/Wastewater, Chief Engineer via email john.riegel@cucgov.org & Christi Lazaro, Water Division Assistant Engineer via email Christi.lazaro@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of the Commonwealth utilities Corporation.

ALAN FLETCHER
Acting Executive Director

TOGETHER WITH JAY Z AND RIHANNA

Budweiser launches 'Made for Music'

Budweiser today unveiled MADE for Music, drawing on the brand's longstanding support of great music and great artists around the world. Inspired by the success of last summer's Budweiser Made in America festival, curated by Jay Z in support of the United Way, Made for Music will celebrate the artists, makers and creators that leave an indelible mark on pop culture and the spirit that drives them to greatness, bringing the inspirational power of music to millions of fans around the world. Budweiser's global MADE for Music programming will celebrate music's unique power and influence in bringing people together.

In addition, Made for Music will also bring fans closer to Rihanna through a series of collaborations to be announced later this year. Budweiser is already on the road with Rihanna, supporting her Diamonds World Tour, named after her single that topped the charts in over 43 countries.

"Music truly is a universal

language and Budweiser is proud to work with and support the great artists who inspire millions of people across the globe with their talents, dedication, and drive to achieve their dreams," said Camilo Durana, Global Director, Budweiser Sports and Entertainment.

MADE for Music will be supported by a global campaign featuring Jay Z and Rhianna, running across more than 85 countries around the world where fans can enjoy a Budweiser. It will include two new television spots titled "Dreams are MADE" directed by award-winning film director Mark Romanek.

"Budweiser MADE for Music is a tribute to those who continue to put their energy and passion everyday in the pursuit of their dreams" said Ricardo Marques, Global Advertising Director Budweiser. "Jay Z and Rihanna represent these values and are therefore an incredible source of inspiration to us all."

Additionally the MADE

for Music campaign will integrate OOH, print and content available on Budweisermusic.com. Budweiser will also bring live music experiences to fans around the world through over 160 events in 25 countries, including Rihanna's Diamond World Tour, Jay Z concerts and the Budweiser Made in America festival on Aug. 31 and Sept. 1, 2013 in Philadelphia.

With every Budweiser 12-

pack or bucket purchase, Guam residents will be entered in the Budweiser Music Festival Flyaway for a chance to win one out of two "Trips for Two." Lucky winners will enjoy exclusive tickets to see Beyonce and 30 other acts live in Philadelphia for a two-day Budweiser Made in America Music Festival. Final drawing will be on Sunday, Aug. 18, 2013, at The Beach Bar & Grill from 7pm to 10pm. (PR)

Residents to visit Fena Cave in Guam

Santa Rita, Guam—As part of Liberation Day events, a site visit will be held at the Fena Cave located at the Naval Munitions Annex on Naval Base Guam on July 19.

The visit, coordinated with the Agat Mayor's Office, will immediately follow a memorial Mass held for Fena Cave massacre victims at Old Agat Cemetery scheduled for 10am.

Attendees will board a bus at the cemetery and proceed to the Naval Munitions Annex, where

the cave is located. Following a short prayer, attendees will walk up to the mouth of the cave.

On July 19, 1944—during the final days of the Japanese occupation in Guam—Japanese soldiers killed more than 30 young men and women from Agat and Sumay with grenades and bayonets in the caves near Fena Lake. In recent years, the NBG commanding officer has invited the victim's families to visit the cave as part of Liberation Day ceremonies. (PR)

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

July 17, 2005

Feds' help sought for housing

Citing that nearly 80 percent of CNMI residents need housing assistance, the Legislature passed a joint resolution authorizing the central government to apply for federal housing grants, which would give the CNMI \$5 million over five years. "This is a big amount [\$5 million] which the CNMI stands to benefit for five years," said Senate Committee on Fiscal Affairs chairman Joseph Mendiola. House Joint Resolution 14-38, introduced by House Speaker Benigno R. Fitial, authorizes the governor to submit action plans to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the following grants: Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnership Grant, and the Emergency Shelter Grant.

Potter fans line up for latest book

The age of Potter VI officially dawned Saturday, with close to 100 people queuing up for at least an hour at a Susupe bookstore yesterday morning just to get the first copies of J.K. Rowling's sixth installment of her very popular Harry Potter series. *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince* was finally made available to fans of the fictional young wizard, and its launch on Saipan coincided with the book's midnight release worldwide, albeit some bookstores in London have moved their release date earlier due to the security alert on the British capital. Here on Saipan, Media Distributor, Inc.'s Bestseller Bookstore handled the distribution and sale of the book, and manager Marlyn Pery said Harry Potter lovers left the bookstore with an extra spring in their steps yesterday.

July 17, 2006

Fitial yet to look into payday holiday bill

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial has yet to form a position on a Senate bill that would shut down non-essential government offices every payday Friday from July 28 through the end of 2006. While the bill is essentially another version of the governor's work-hour reduction proposal, Fitial said he was "not very familiar" with the payday holiday measure. The governor also expressed reservations about the proposal to close government offices every other Friday. "We have to look at it (the bill)."

'Termination of permit was baseless'

JG Sablan Rock Quarry insists that its Pagan mining permit was terminated for baseless reasons and should be reinstated. The mining company, through attorneys Michael W. Dotts and Vincent DLG Torres, filed a 33-page brief with the Department of Public Lands in a bid to have DPL overturn its decision to nullify JG Sablan's mining permit. JG Sablan's attorneys also presented their arguments before DPL Secretary John Del Rosario and Assistant Attorney General Howard Willens in a meeting at DPL on Friday.

July 17, 2007

Two additional Shanghai-NMI flights launched

China Eastern Airlines flew to Saipan yesterday, starting its two additional flights from Shanghai a week. The flight, which came a week ahead of the original schedule of July 22, now brings an additional seat capacity of about 500 seats a week. The aircraft has 251 seats. The new flights are scheduled to arrive on Saipan every Monday and Friday. The same airline has been flying chartered flights to the island from Shanghai on Tuesdays and Saturdays. Henry Pun, operations manager of Century Tours, said the first flight arrived as scheduled yesterday morning.

'GOB can do better at finding eligible workers'

The federal court believes that the Garment Oversight Board can do a better job of identifying more workers eligible to receive settlement money in connection with the class-action against the CNMI garment industry. U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Alex R. Munson said if additional settlement class members in the class lawsuit are to be located at all, the most efficient and cost-effective means of achieving that will be through the efforts of the GOB. In a written order issued yesterday, Munson cited GOB's "on the ground" presence on Saipan, its physical proximity to China, and its current relationship with garment workers, factories, and local governmental entities. Former judge Timothy H. Bellas is chairman of the GOB, which was created pursuant to the settlement to oversee the monitoring program of the garment industry.



MAEDA ON THE MOVE

Maeda Pacific Corp. officials led by president Tom Nielsen, vice president Tsutomu Yamakawa, and general manager Miguel Rangel join the company's engineers and staff, together with their families, during a barbecue party to celebrate the 4th of July at Ypao Beach, Tumon, Guam.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

CCA board meeting on July 23

The Commonwealth Cancer Association board of directors will be holding its meeting on Tuesday, July 23, 2013, at 3pm at the CCA conference room. Agenda includes reports from the president and program updates. All board meetings are open to the public. For more information, contact the Commonwealth Cancer Association at 682-0050 or email at cca@ccamarianas.org. (PR)

Survivors, caregivers support meeting on July 25

All people facing cancer, their family members, and caregivers are invited to the next Commonwealth Cancer Association

tion monthly support meeting on Thursday, July 25, 2013, at 5:30pm at the Hyatt Regency Saipan's Chamolinian Room. Guest speaker is Joseph Epina. To RSVP or for more information, call the Commonwealth Cancer Association at 682-0050 or email at ccamarianas@gmail.com. (PR)

Summer school closed this week

Attention Kagman High, Marianas High School, and Saipan Southern High School: Due to Pacific Education Conference Week, classes for summer school will be closed the whole week of July 15-19. Classes will resume on July 22 from 8am-12pm. For more information, call the KHS Main Office

at 237-3834 or 3907. (PR)

Military training at Warning Area 517, FDM

SANTA RITA, Guam—The U.S. Coast Guard will conduct training at Warning Area 517 July 15 from 8am to noon. The U.S. Air Force will conduct training at Warning Area 517 during the following dates and times:

- July 17: 10am to 2pm
- July 18: 10am to 1pm
- The U.S. Marines and U.S. Navy will conduct training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla on July 17-19, from 10am to 11:59pm and during the following dates and times:
 - Navy: July 17-19: from 12:01am to 2am
 - Marines: July 20: 10am

to 10pm

- Marines: July 21: 10am to 1pm and 2:30pm to 5pm

The general public, especially fishermen, commercial pilots, and marine tour operators, are advised to stay clear from the area during the times and dates indicated.

The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla training area will be on a 10 nautical mile radius on all quadrants.

W-517 is an irregular shaped polygon comprising of 14,000 nautical square miles of airspace that begins south of Guam and extends south-southwest in international waters. This will affect fishing in the vicinity of Santa Rosa Reef and Galvez Bank. (PR)

Island Snapshots



FERDIE DE LA TORRE

A participant in the 10-obstacle course solo category slowly picks up a 185-pound mannequin during the First Annual CNMI Firefighter Fitness Challenge on Saturday at the baseball field of Saipan Airport.



FERDIE DE LA TORRE

FIREFIGHTER CHALLENGE

A competitor in the Firefighter Fitness Challenge drags a 185-pound mannequin.



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Firefighter Fitness Challenge officials and supporters watch as Bertha T. Camacho, one of three female participants in the solo category, hooks a hose to a fire hydrant.



Far left, a competitor pulls a hose in one of the obstacles during the Firefighter Fitness Challenge.

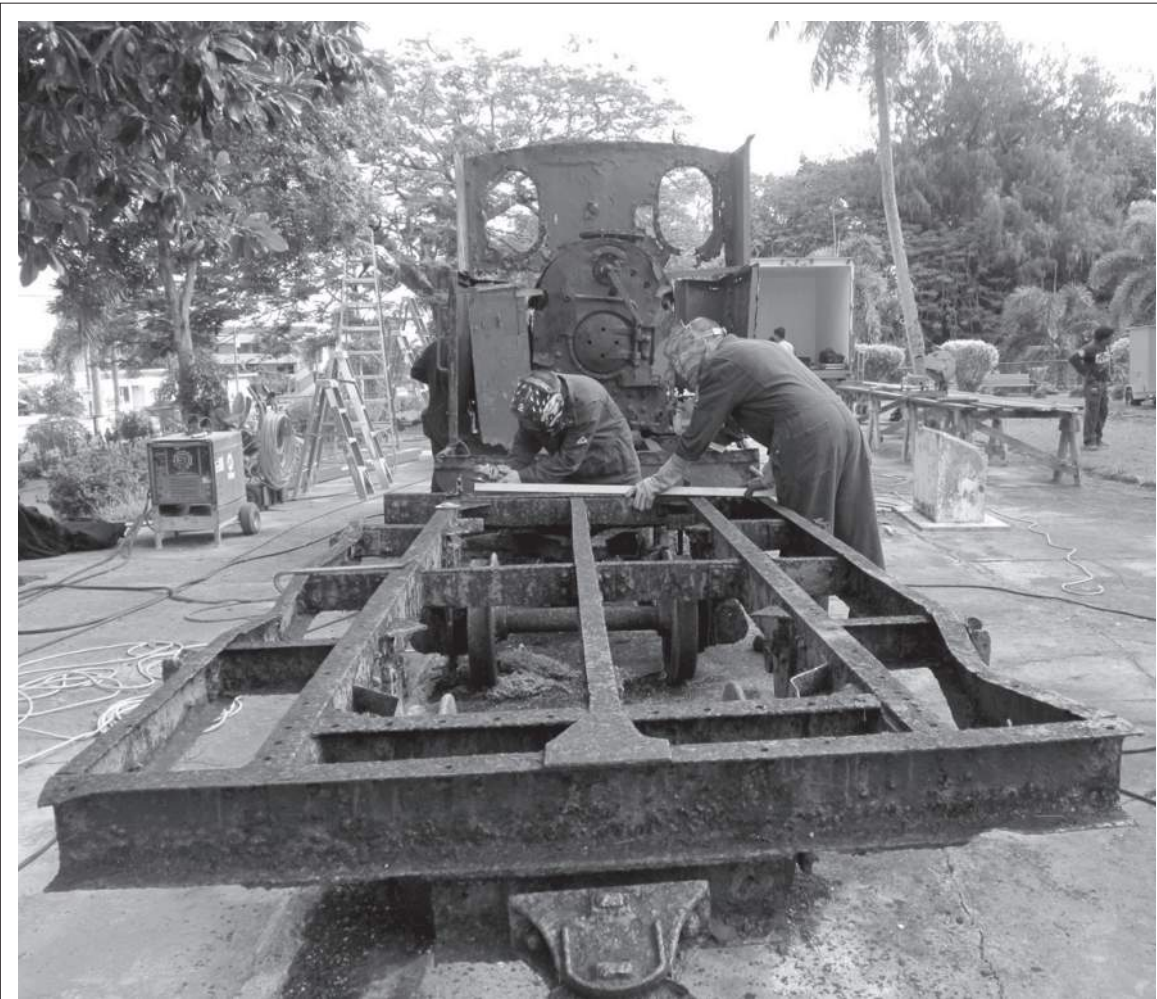
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Left, a visibly exhausted competitor gets encouragement from supporters and event officials as he drags a 185-pound mannequin during the Firefighter Fitness Challenge.

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Below, an event official and supporters watch a competitor in one of the obstacles during the Firefighter Fitness Challenge.

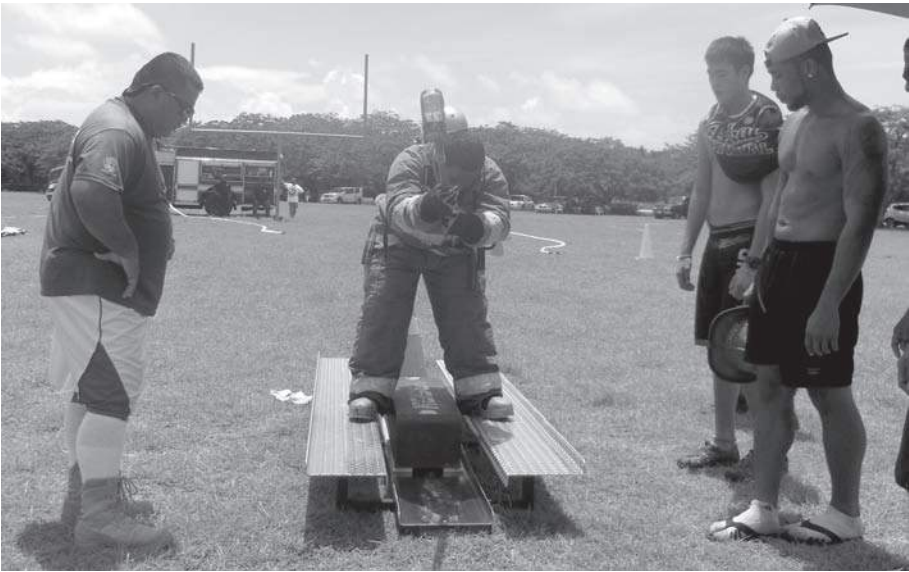
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MARK RABAGO

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The crew of the USS *Momsen* work on stabilizing the cab part of the pre-World War II train that used to haul sugar cane to a Japanese factory in Chalan Kanoa.



BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Happy 16th birthday greetings to Roy Jr. Cepeda Saucedo! We love you! Greetings come from Jordan, Lufo Jr. "Kuni," and Arisa Jade.



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Happy birthday greetings go out to "Captain" Jervy Babauta! Greetings come from the family.

Opinion

Hafa Adai!

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EDITORIAL

Respect for the George Zimmerman verdict

The following editorial appeared in the Chicago Tribune on Monday, July 15:

Dispatcher: Are you following him?
Zimmerman: Yeah.
Dispatcher: OK, we don't need you to do that.
The first tragedy of the Trayvon Martin case is that it didn't have to happen. George Zimmerman didn't have to trail the teenager through the darkened streets of the gated Florida community, didn't have to get out of his truck. He was told not to. But he did.

In the struggle that followed, the unarmed boy was shot and killed—an unarmed African-American teen, shot and killed by a Neighborhood Watch volunteer who found his presence “suspicious.” It's those details that caused a public outcry when police and prosecutors initially declined to charge Zimmerman with a crime.

Those same details hang over Saturday's verdict.

The nation should respect the jury that found Zimmerman not guilty of second-degree murder. Defense attorneys argued that he fired in self-defense, and prosecutors couldn't prove otherwise. Without enough evidence to challenge Zimmerman's version of events, jurors had no choice but to acquit. We saw a criminal justice system that is designed to protect the rights of the accused, that rightly sets a high bar for a criminal conviction.

The jurors reached a unanimous verdict. The jurors did their job.

The same can't be said of police and prosecutors in the aftermath of the shooting. It is their cavalier response—not the verdict—that compounds this tragedy.

Sanford, Fla., police quickly accepted Zimmerman's explanation that he pulled his gun because he felt his life was in danger. They weren't duly troubled by his remarks that Martin was a “punk” who “looks like he's up to no good.” They didn't sufficiently question his account or his motives. They shrugged it off.

An angry public demanded to know whether police and prosecutors would have scrutinized the evidence more closely if Martin were white. It was, and is, a fair question.

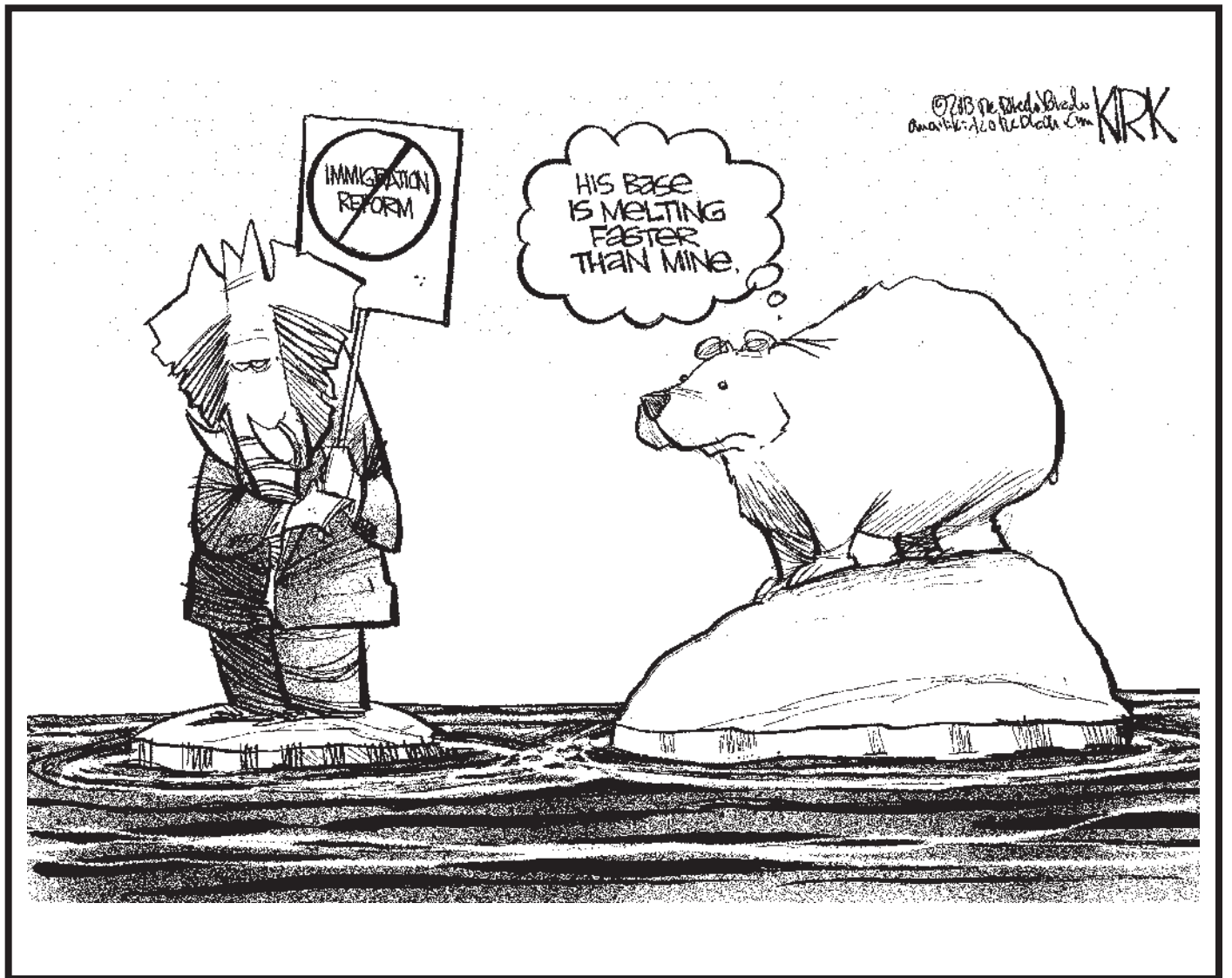
More than a million people signed an online petition demanding Zimmerman's arrest. The U.S. Justice Department launched an investigation into Martin's death. The Sanford police chief stepped down, and a special prosecutor was named to handle the case. Six weeks after the shooting, Zimmerman was charged with second-degree murder.

The fact that the Zimmerman was eventually acquitted of the charge—and the lesser charge of manslaughter, which the jury also rejected—doesn't validate the cursory dismissal by law enforcement back in February 2012. This case deserved to be examined thoroughly and adjudicated.

As the case moved to trial, many of those who led the campaign stressed that what they demanded was not an outcome, but a trial. But many now are bitterly disappointed at the result.

The trial was fair. The evidence came up short. The outrage was that there almost wasn't a trial at all.

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Pinoy panda

First, we saw the old town of Songli upstream from Ya'an where the local though minor royal house of old built an irrigation system to divert water from the mountain stream into the farms. It also got water into the home gardens from an upper stream, and we see a settlement that had a functional *feng shui*, a balance between humans and nature, that prevailed long before the rest of the world became ecologically conscious.

Now, we write from another old town, Pingle (pronounced “ping-leh”, not ping-gle), where the local royal house did similar irrigation work, save that farms were more extensive and the waterway was more a river than a stream. Shenghe Country where the town is located has obviously decided to put a number of its eggs on the tourism basket, had refurbished the old town section and made it into a commercial attraction, on the principle, it seems, of “if you build it, they will come.” The county uses ancient architecture in constructing new town buildings still in progress, and built a housing development by the old town that would make the developers of Fairfax, VA proud.

In between, we moseyed over to the Bifengxia (xia = gorge) Panda base 16 miles outside of Ya'an where the government runs a World Heritage park of the furry bearcat known around the world as the giant panda. After spending a whole day watching the “cuddly” animals corralled in home grounds complete with platforms, trees to climb, playground for the young ones, and meal delivery of bamboo shoots, we understand why the animal has become such a popular symbol to represent the preferred Chinese way of life—of ease and comfort as the state of a happy and satisfying life.

Our thoughts are intended to be descriptive, not judgmental, existentially true generally though allowing for certain exceptions. China promotes a lifestyle of ease and comfort, in our observation, taking the pivot point of the yin-yang more as a place of stasis and equilibrium rather than as a point of tension to launch innovation and creativity. The Chinese curse, “May you live in interesting (critical) times,” means that life be strewn with wild unexpected surprises, and change be the rule rather than the exception. Change is a curse. Similarly but stated another way, the children's words of exchange at parting or in a vow of promise are: “May you not change in a hundred years.”

The panda's image as “cuddly” is really not a bearcat's quality, nor is it demonstrably true. They have been known to maul unwanted intruders into their pens. They are also a cross between two species, the bear and the cat. Its ferocity comes from its feline origins, and its bear genetics seem to be the source of its being idle and

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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“lazy” on a sunny day! In fact, we lucked out to visit on an overcast day since they were inclined to frolic and climb trees. On a sunny day, they keep to “indoors” or in the shade and lounge or sleep.

We now write from Pingle, after we missed the flooding that has occurred in the last 24 hours in Songli and Bifengxia. We thought we would catch a bus to the famed waters and nine villages of Juizhiagou Nature Preserve with numerous lakes, valleys, gorges, streams, and grasslands at the edge of the Tibetan plateau. There is an eastern and western route to the place. Another preserve nearby, familiar to the touring crowd, is Huanglong. Both had been our destination.

The rain has extracted a heavy toll on Dujiangyan already devastated in last April's earthquake, as the river and stream waters overflowed their banks, and have wreaked havoc on the transport system. TV is now advising against planned travel to Jiazhigou, an otherwise 8-10 hour scenic bus ride from Chengdu.

We have dealt with pandas under confinement and though the wilds of Jiazhigou offered the prospects of running into the specie in the wild, we were heading there more at the bottom end of playing tourist on the cheap, an opportunity we had not had since we ventured north of Prince Albert in Saskatchewan and got lost in the dead cold of winter where one can see the optical illusion of two suns shining.

As we move out to Chongqing to head back to Dong Bei, it is clear that the panda image is stuck with us. It was not so when Saipanda was the CNMI mascot. Now that the prospects of returning to Saipan is most unlikely anytime soon, we decided to shed the “PinoySaipan” email handle we've used for a decade. In its stead, we are starting our “PinoyPanda” email address.

At the Bifengxia Panda base, there were three distinct grounds: the adult giant pandas, the kindergarten grow-up section where a month-old panda no bigger than a mouse laid in an incubator, and the overseas-born pandas. This glocal PinoyPanda joins the third group.

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Scorching dog days of summer

These must be the dog days of summer. I was hoping the morning dew of fiscal disaster would evaporate and disappear into the sunset. But not when it consistently appears outside my fence yelling, “*Halo, it’s me, da economy lai, remember?*”

I’d point up the hill where our men of wisdom meet daily with their Sears Roebuck ties to engage in intellectual discussions about everything. Well, “everything” with the exception of the listless economy and the accompanying miseries of abject poverty spreading like wildfire in the villages.

Sometime a certain fear hits recalling a suggestion by a certain nationally syndicated columnist that if everything descends into dystopia, turn over matters of state to the bad guys in hopes they’d do something right. But that doesn’t make sense, does it?

I’d turn my attention to reading fully research materials on food stamps and immigration, only to see it dead on arrival when the U.S. Senate hurled it to the lower chamber. It’s two issues requiring dire reform, including social security. But let’s see where sober and thinning mindful views go in the days ahead.

There’s also the impending implementation of some 1,040 major regulations by the various agencies of the federal government. Thanks to timely legislation requiring that any and all regulations costing \$100 million must be returned to the US Congress for disposition. This legislation was timely. Otherwise, we’d be dealing with an “administrative state” rather than a democratic republic.

Here at home, we’ve gathered every so often without a purpose like a wake pounded by heavy rain. Politicians put on a great act as though they’re praying for the repose of the soul neatly placed in a coffin in church. Nice try! But the litany of useless lip moving is more like “*mea culpa*,” hoping they won’t have to justify their sterling failure next year.

Well, permit me to lead the prayers in 2014. I have prepared a prayer book for your use. And believe me it isn’t crafted like the your usual legislative resolution, the conjunction “*whereas*” making

Good girls say ‘no’—and good women should, too

A good girl is defined as one who almost always says “no.” A good woman is defined as one who almost always says “yes.”

Allow me to clarify: The tasks each group are being asked to perform are rarely the same.

To be a good girl one must say “no” when boys with pickup trucks ask to go for rides in the country. A good girl says “no” if asked, whether it’s by the brother of her best friend, her math teacher or the circus, to run away. One must also say “no” when a decidedly flirtatious and overly eager adult offers to pay for one’s education if one promises to accompany said adult to Italy once the education has been duly completed; besides, that only happens in Edwardian novels.

Try this: imagine a Taylor Swift being “a good girl” and I bet you’ll conjure up an image of her shaking her pretty defiant head from side to side. Now imagine Reba McEntire (bless her heart) being “a good woman” and you’ll imagine her nodding her head in agreement.

Why?

Just as a good girl is encouraged to say “no” automatically, having been instructed that sex is filthy and degrading and must be saved for her true love, a good woman says “yes” to do everything before she knows it because she’s been encouraged to believe that only by being agreeable and complacent will she be valued and liked.

We agree to sell raffle tickets before the information hits the actual thinking lobes of our brains. Why else would anyone agree to walk around with a four-pound roll of colored paper hitting people

more sense than anything written after it.

It is deeply troubling, too, the lack of a single blueprint or plan public officials could use in deliberative discussions to re-chart the future of our children. Thus, with a lack of purpose and conviction, is there anything else our children could use to place their fingers on? Whatever happened to producing a plan so we discuss it with everybody reading from the same page? Do we dismiss it as a hopeless case?

Shifting materials

There’s no denying the fact that I am sailing steadily into the sunset years of a once very productive life. Upon full retirement, I’ve focused a bit more on the “great books” and the “greatest book”—the Holy Bible—reading and digesting Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy. I suppose this is the benefit of complete retirement!

There are issues written since 5,000 years ago that were reiterated throughout, i.e., extending a helping hand to the downtrodden, the end of planet earth and the conception of precious life solely the purview of God the Father.

The first reminded me of an elderly couple upon retiring in a gated community in Florida. An old man came by one morning and asked to mow the lawn for food and some change money. The old lady gladly obliged. Around five that afternoon, she packed food and change into a bag and headed out the front door to hand the old man. He wasn’t there!

She and hubby had a pleasant savings that mysteriously stayed constant throughout their lifetime. They were never able to figure it out, including bank accountants. Perhaps it’s divine gift for their generosity.

I was almost lured into believing that the end is near until the biblical passage made it abundantly clear. So it must be fodder for those who embrace factoids oozing out of their less-than-nimble cranium to amuse the multitude.

up for small sums of money at an otherwise (possibly) fun event?

I sold raffle tickets once. With God as my witness, I will never do it again. Other mistakes I am bound to repeat, but not this one. Because I was too embarrassed to keep going from table to table like an inspector from the USDA, I spent more than 250 bucks. I still didn’t win the cellophane-clad basket filled with what looked like cheese graters, balsamic vinegar, nutcrackers and dice (hey, maybe it was nougat, but to me they looked as if they should be rolled on a green felt table).

Good women will agree to serve dinner for 26 at the holiday—including four gluten-free, three vegan, two lactose-intolerant and a person on a diet who brings microwavable protein curds—simply to get pleading people to stop asking us for favors in that horrible wheedling voice.

There’s a voice both women and men will use when asking favors of women that would never be used when asking a favor of a man.

If you were asking, say, Don Draper for a lift to the airport, would you use a wheedling voice? No, you wouldn’t. In fact, you’d use your voice to call a cab because you would never ask Don Draper to take you to the airport because you know he’s busy. But you’d ask Peggy, wouldn’t you, even though she’s as smart as Don? And you’d plead your case, telling her—wheedling slightly in a Pete Campbell sort of way even although you’d despise yourself for it—that only she could be trusted to be there on time because she’d know how scared you were of flying?

I’ve done that. Not to Peggy or even Elizabeth Moss, but to their

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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The fiery debate over conception is also solely the purview of the Almighty. And no matter what superb scientific research may say, unless it is predicated with “actual” divine consultation, I say let’s park this issue and move on to the more humanly tangible stuff. Taxpayers must not be forced to shoulder abortion cost as a result of irresponsibility. Why chance letting your fly open to every hungry fly circling around you? Does the word “conscience” mean anything to you?

In the process, it seems the debate focuses on the “convenience” of a reckless mother, though I understand there are cases where the life of the mother may be in jeopardy. But this must be dealt with between patient and physician. What most folks with any sense of conscience find fatally egregious is extricating a 20-week-old baby who lies on the table struggling for life. Who’s the patient at this very moment: mom or baby? And you have the gall to kill the innocent? Why not keep him for childless couples? This would be the greatest gift for them when a newborn is added to their new family, make sense?

Other than chores, I’d immerse myself in such issues as the future of young kids in this archipelago amidst the effects of the Digital Age. How would this affect their language and culture as more sophisticated devices are mass-produced that eventually replace actual discussions. Well, I’d leave that to parents to ponder henceforth.

Finally, the day I see a bull cart on the street moving without the bull in place driven solely by technological advances, then and only then would I say we’re at par with the rest of the global community.

By **GINA BARRECA**

The Hartford Courant

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counterparts in my life. Sure, I’ve returned the favor, driving them to places that scared them or back from places they hated to leave.

But I’d also pick Don up, you see, even though he’d never be there for me.

And that’s what makes good women feel, all too often, like fools. Maybe girls don’t need to learn to say “yes” more often—just watch one episode of “Teen Mom”—but many women need to relearn to say “no.”

Just as good girls get knocked up because bad girls know better, good women are exploited, taken for granted, overrun by the needs of others and treated as if they matter only when they’re putting themselves aside.

Learning to say “yes” only when you mean it is good advice at any age.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

A message of appreciation

On behalf of the Senior League All Star Team (Frankie Lieto, Jhace Palacios, Darion Jones, Khobby Kaipat, Kainoa Wanket, Mike Muna, JJ Lifofoi, Ian Rogolifo, AJ Evangelista, Jerald Cabrera, KJ Leon Guerrero, Jonathan Cabrera, Cedric Ada, and Verlanson Secharmidal), the coaches Syl Ada and Jesse Yamagishi, I’d like to share our message of utmost appreciation to the following for their most generous support and for believing in us.

The CNMI Senior League All-Star Team’s participation in the 2013 Asia-Pacific & Middle East Baseball Tournament held in the Philippines from June 30 to July 7 would not have been possible if not for the combined efforts of the Administration and the Saipan Legislative Delegation, Division of Youth Services, Tan Siu Lin Foundation, Bridge Capital LLC, contributions from some small businesses and to those individuals who participated in our fundraising efforts such as Cham-

ber of Commerce/MVA Trash for Cash, lunch sales, coin and pledge drives. A special “Thank You” goes to all the parents, for their untiring efforts, patience, and sacrifices in order to fulfill their children’s dreams of competing in this tournament.

The team would also like to thank the Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association, DPS, and IT&E, for their donation of T-shirts which the team members proudly wore throughout the duration of the tournament.

To coaches Syl and Jesse, thank you for your assistance and support in preparing the team to where we want them to be from beginning to end. And to the Team Moms, thank you for your diligence in ensuring that the teams’ needs were met on a daily basis.

And lastly but not the least, to the players, thank you for exemplifying the desire to excel, for exhibiting outstanding performances and

sportsmanship on and off the field, for promoting friendship and camaraderie amongst fellow competitors, for displaying self-discipline while competing, understanding and abiding by the team philosophy and for demonstrating willingness to face adversities no matter the outcome. In my book, you played like true champions and rightly so. Your exceptional performances, some I would say extraordinary, is what separated you from the rest of your counterparts.

The championship game against the Philippines was the highlight of the Senior Division tournament and although we fell short in our quest to advance to the World Series, you should all be proud of your accomplishments. No one can say you didn’t play your hardest; and like the Hong Kong team manager said immediately after our game, you played with a big *heart*. I am so very proud of you guys and want to wish you the best of luck in your education, and wherever baseball will take you!

Tony Rogolifo

Team Manager

CNMI Senior League All Stars

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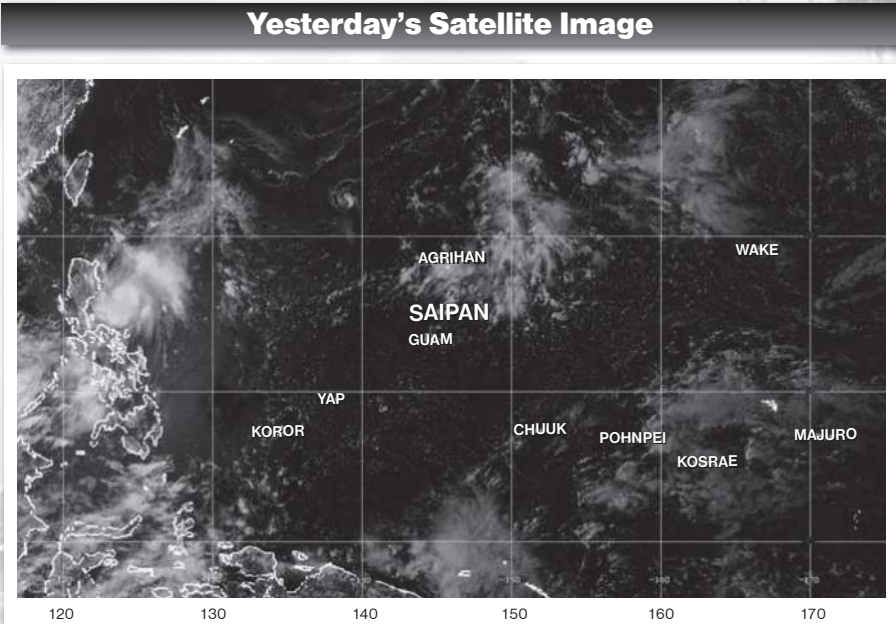
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Micronesia		
Guam and Rota	Thundershowers	▲ 89 ▼ 81
Palau	Showers	▲ 86 ▼ 75
Yap	Showers	▲ 89 ▼ 76
Chuuk	Showers	▲ 87 ▼ 79
Pohnpei	Showers	▲ 87 ▼ 76
Kosrae	Showers	▲ 87 ▼ 76
Majuro	Mostly Sunny	▲ 86 ▼ 79

Around The Globe		
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Beijing	Partly Cloudy	▲ 89 ▼ 69
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London	Partly Cloudy	▲ 86 ▼ 65
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲ 81 ▼ 63
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Miami	Thundershowers	▲ 86 ▼ 77
New York	Mostly Sunny	▲ 94 ▼ 76
Osaka	Cloudy	▲ 91 ▼ 77
Paris	Cloudy	▲ 84 ▼ 67
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Rome	Sunny	▲ 86 ▼ 69
Salem	Partly Cloudy	▲ 94 ▼ 58
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲ 59 ▼ 53
Seoul	Thunderstorms	▲ 78 ▼ 75
Tokyo	Thundershowers	▲ 85 ▼ 74
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	▲ 95 ▼ 79

Tides			
Saipan Harbor			
2:20 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet
9:38 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.2 Feet
4:04 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.4 Feet
9:02 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.9 Feet



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, TUESDAY, JULY 16, 2013
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Upper-level lows are centered northwest of Wake Island at 26N159E west of Minami Tori Shima at 24N149E and east of Guam at 14N151E. These lows are triggering areas of scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms across the northern CNMI between 16N and 23N from 144E to 154E and between Wake Island and Minami Tori Shima north of a line from 22N154E to 20N165E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms associated with a tropical depression centered near Luzon at 16N124E are occurring well northwest of Koror and Yap west of a line from 21N132E to 14N134E. Low-level convergence is generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms southwest of Koror between the equator and 4N from 130E to 136E and southwest of Chuuk south of a line from 3N145E to 3N151E. A surface trough between Pohnpei and Kosrae extends northeastward from 2N159E to 9N164E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are occurring south of Pohnpei within 100 miles of a line from 1N157E to 5N157E and across portions of Kosrae state and just east of Pohnpei between 3N and 10N from 159E to 167E. Trade-wind convergence is producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms east of Kwajalein and north of Majuro within 100 miles of a line from 8N169E to 10N174E.

Sunrise/Sunset			Moonrise/Moonset		
Today	5:55 AM	6:51 PM	Today	1:12 PM	12:14 AM
Thursday	5:55 AM	6:51 PM	Thursday	2:11 PM	1:03 AM
Friday	5:56 AM	6:51 PM	Friday	3:13 PM	1:56 AM
Saturday	5:56 AM	6:51 PM	Saturday	4:15 PM	2:55 AM
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DEPARTURES					ARRIVALS				
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)					GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN				
UA5070	4:35am	5:25am	2, 4, 6, 7		UA 5069	2:45am	3:35am	2, 4, 6, 7	
UA5062	4:50am	5:40am	1, 3, 5		UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	Daily	
UA5068	8:35am	9:25am	Daily		UA5073	10:00am	10:50am	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7	
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Rota-Saipan				FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily		
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily		
Guam-Rota				FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily		
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily		
Rota-Saipan									
FRE 100	17:50	18:20	Daily						
Saipan-Rota				Tinian-Saipan					
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily		
Rota-Guam				FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily		
FRE 400	10:20	10:45	Daily	FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily		
Saipan-Rota				FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily		
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily		
Rota-Guam				FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily		
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily	FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily		
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FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily	FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily		
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily	FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily		
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily	FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily		
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily						

Business

China's economic growth slows more as trade slumps

BEIJING (AP)—China's leaders face new pressure to stimulate a slowing economy after growth fell to its lowest since 1991, hurt by weak trade and efforts to cool a credit boom.

The world's second-largest economy expanded 7.5 percent over a year earlier in the three months ending in June, down from the previous quarter's 7.7 percent, data showed Monday. Growth in factory production, investment and other indicators weakened.

The fifth straight quarter of growth below 8 percent is "a clear sign of distress," said IHS Global Insight analyst Xianfang Ren in a report. With investment weak, she said the economy might be "at risk of stalling."

Analysts said growth could fall further, adding to pressure on communist leaders who took power last year. They are trying to shift China from reliance on exports and investment to slower, more sustainable growth based on domestic consumption.

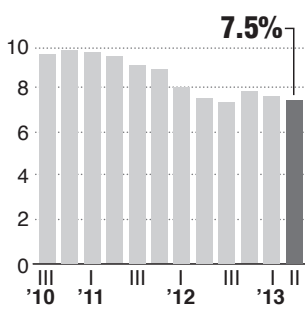
Chinese leaders are likely to launch new stimulus to hit their 7.5 percent growth target for the year, said Credit Agricole CIB economist Dariusz Kowalczyk. He said that might include weakening the Chinese currency to spur exports or pumping money into the economy through higher public works spending.

"We will see some targeted measures to stimulate growth," said Kowalczyk. "They have to do something. Otherwise they will miss their target. And they

China's growth

China's economic growth slowed in the April to June period, the second straight quarter of weaker expansion.

Quarterly growth rate



Source: National Bureau of Statistics of China © 2013 MCT

cannot afford that, because this is their first year in power."

A decline in Chinese economic activity could have global repercussions, denting revenues for suppliers of commodities and industrial components such as Australia, Brazil and Southeast Asia. Lower Chinese demand already has depressed prices for iron ore and other raw materials.

A stimulus would temporarily set back Beijing's reform plans by reinforcing reliance on investment to generate jobs.

Despite the slowdown, communist leaders have expressed determination to stick to their plans, which would impose short-term pain in exchange for sustained, stable growth later.

"Major indicators are within our targeted range but we face a complex situation," said a spokesman for the statistics bureau,



A Chinese woman carries a dog walks past a fashion boutique having a sale at a shopping mall in Beijing, China Monday, July 15, 2013.

reau, Sheng Laiyuan, at a news conference.

Sheng said the government's goal is to "promote restructuring" and make more of the "driving force" of the market.

Growth in factory output slowed to 9.3 percent for the first half of the year, down 0.2 percentage points from the first quarter's rate, the statistics bureau reported. Growth in investment in factories and other fixed assets in the first half declined by 0.8 percentage points to 20.1 percent.

"Further deceleration is possible if reforms and stimulus measures are delayed," said Alistair Chan of Moody's Analytics in a report.

The International Monetary Fund last week cut its 2013 growth forecast for China to 7.8 percent from its 8.1 percent outlook in April. The IMF's forecast for 2014 was cut to 7.7 percent from 8.3 percent. The Fund's chief economist, Olivier Blanchard, said China was the country at the greatest risk of a "large decrease in growth."

On Monday, Nomura economist Zhiwei Zhang cut his growth forecast for 2014 to 6.9 percent from 7.5 percent and said growth was likely to bottom out at 6.5 percent in the second quarter of next year. He said he expects Chinese leaders to cut their growth target for next year to 7 percent from 7.5 percent.

"The new leaders made it pretty clear that they care more about the quality and sustainability of GDP growth rather than the speed of it," Zhang told reporters in a conference call.

Retail sales are growing but more slowly than Chinese leaders want. Growth decelerated to 12.7 percent for the first quarter, declining by 1.7 percentage points from a year earlier.

"I think it is unrealistic to expect consumption to go up and fill the gap left by less investment," said Nomura's Zhang.

Chinese leaders have promised to launch reforms aimed at making the economy more productive and helping entrepreneurs. But no major changes

are expected until after a Communist Party meeting in the autumn.

Growth also has been dented by a crackdown on overly fast expansion in bank lending. Government efforts to tighten lending controls caused a temporary shortage of credit in Chinese financial markets last month.

Further efforts to rein in lending, especially unregulated private lending, could hurt entrepreneurs who generate most of the country's new jobs and wealth.

The ruling party's 7.5 percent growth target for the year is stronger than forecasts for the United States, Europe and Japan, but China's weakest performance since 1991. Finance Minister Lou Jiwei appeared to try to lower expectations last week when he told reporters in Washington that growth as low as 6.5 percent would be tolerable.

Earlier this month, Beijing promised changes in its government-run banking industry, including possible creation of privately owned lenders, to increase the supply of credit to entrepreneurs and more productive companies. It gave no timetable.

"The payoff from such financial consolidation efforts will most likely show up in the medium and long-term, even if implemented successfully," said Ren of IHS Global Insight. "In the near term, the downside risk for growth has become much more elevated now than a few months ago."

Twinkies may be smaller than people recall

NEW YORK (AP)—Twinkies are back, but they may be a bit smaller than you remember.

The new boxes hitting shelves this week list the spongy yellow cakes as having 270 calories and a weight of 77 grams for two cakes, or 135 calories and 38.5 grams for one cake.

Right before it went out of business, the predecessor company had told The Associated Press that Twinkies were 150 calories per cake. Photos of past boxes online also indicate the weight to have been 42.5 grams per cake.

A spokeswoman for Hostess, Hannah Arnold, said in an email Monday that the size change was made in "mid-2012" by the predecessor company. That would mean it happened in the months leading up to its bankruptcy, as the company was trying to keep its head above water financially.

Arnold has also said that the

longer shelf life of Twinkies reported by The Associated Press earlier this month was made by the predecessor company right before it went bankrupt. The 45-day shelf life, up from 26 days, was a separate change and hit shelves Nov. 1, she said.

For retailers who request it, the company also said it's freezing Twinkies so stores can stamp their own expiration dates on them.

The treats have been off shelves for almost eight months, since the predecessor company shut down its plants and said it was going out of business in late November.

Hostess has said that Twinkies will remain the same price, at \$3.99 for a box of 10. Retailers may charge different prices, however.

Twinkies and other snack cakes were purchased by private equity firms Apollo Global Management and Metropoulos & Co. after Hostess Brands said it was closing down.

US economy looks weaker after subpar retail sales

WASHINGTON (AP)—The U.S. economy appears to be weaker than many economists had thought after a report Monday showed consumers spent cautiously in June at retail businesses.

Americans bought more cars and trucks, furniture and clothes. But they cut back almost everywhere else. They spent less at restaurants and bars, reduced purchases at home improvement stores, and bought fewer computers and electronics.

Overall retail spending rose

0.4 percent in June from May, the Commerce Department said. But excluding volatile spending on autos, gasoline and building supplies, so-called core retail sales rose just 0.15 percent. That's the weakest gain since January.

Economists said the deceleration in retail sales could slow economic growth in the April-June quarter to an annual rate below 1 percent. That's weaker than many had thought and would be down from a tepid 1.8 percent rate in the January-

March quarter.

Still, many economists aren't changing their forecast for the second half of the year. Most expect growth will rebound to around a 2.5 percent rate.

"Job growth, income growth, rising stock prices and higher home prices all suggest a healthier state for the household sector in the second half of the year," said Paul Dales, chief U.S. economist at Capital Economics.

Consumers are still increasing their spending. But their

pace has dropped off sharply from the start of the year. Core retail sales increased from April through June at a 2.7 percent annual rate. That's down from a 4.2 percent rate during the first three months of the year.

The decline suggests an increase in Social Security taxes that took effect Jan. 1 may be starting to squeeze consumers. And that's slowing growth because consumers' spending accounts for about 70 percent of economic activity.

China plans world's longest sea tunnel at \$42B—report

China will invest 260 billion yuan, or about \$42 billion, to revive a long-stalled plan to build the world's longest undersea tunnel across the Bohai Strait linking the country's eastern and northeastern regions, state media said on Thursday.

The 123-km (76.4-mile) tunnel will run from the port city of Dalian in northeastern Liaoning province to Yantai city in eastern Shandong, the China Economic Net website said.

The report did not say when the project will be completed.

China announced plans in 1994 to build the tunnel, at a cost of \$10 billion, and set to be completed before 2010. But more than 20 years on, the project remains stuck in the planning stage, the website said, without elaborating.

At the time, state media said the tunnel would shorten the traveling distance between the two regions by 620 miles.

The costs could be recouped in 12 years, said Wang Mengshu, a member of the Chinese Academy of Engineering, who estimated annual revenues from the tunnel at around 20 billion yuan, the website said. "Freight is very profitable," Wang said.

The report comes nearly a month after Nicaraguan lawmakers gave a Chinese company a 50-year concession to design, build and manage a

shipping channel across the Central American nation that would compete with the Panama Canal.

Japan has the world's longest undersea tunnel. The 54-km Seikan tunnel links Honshu and Hokkaido islands and started operating in 1988 after more than two decades of construction.

The Channel tunnel between England and France is about 51 km long. (Reuters)

Nation

Juror: Some wanted to convict Zimmerman initially

MIAMI (AP)—Three jurors in George Zimmerman's second-degree murder trial initially favored convicting him of that offense or manslaughter, but the six-woman jury ultimately voted to acquit him after more closely examining the law, a juror in the case said Monday.

Zimmerman was charged with second-degree murder in the fatal shooting of 17-year-old Trayvon Martin last year, but the jury also was allowed to consider manslaughter.

The woman known as Juror B37 told CNN's Anderson Cooper that when the jury began deliberations Friday, they took an initial vote. Three jurors—including B37—were in favor of acquittal, two supported manslaughter and one backed second-degree murder. She said the jury started going through all the evidence, listening to tapes multiple times.

"That's why it took us so long," said B37, who plans to write a book on the trial.

When they started looking at the law, the person who initially wanted second-degree murder



Keta Taylor, center, of Birmingham, Ala., joins about 500 other demonstrators during a rally and march in support of Trayvon Martin in Birmingham, Ala., Monday, July 15, 2013.

changed her vote to manslaughter, the juror said. Then they asked for clarification from the judge and went over it again and again. B37 said some jurors wanted to find Zimmerman guilty of something, but there was just no place to go based on

the law.

B37 said jurors cried when they gave their final vote to the bailiff.

"I want people to know that we put everything into everything to get this verdict," said the juror, whose face was

blacked out during the televised interview but who appeared to become choked up.

The interview came two days after the jury acquitted Zimmerman, a former neighborhood watch activist, of second-degree murder in the shooting death of

Obama, GOP offer differing visions on immigration

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Barack Obama is using his presidential pulpit to press the Republican-controlled House to embrace a path to citizenship for all 11 million people living illegally in the U.S., while a top Republican says those brought to America as children should be given the highest priority for legalization.

With prospects shaky for passing an immigration overhaul in the House, the White House insisted Monday that to garner Obama's signature, any bill must satisfy the president's principles—the path to citizenship chief among them. But Obama is leaving the particulars of how Congress gets there up to lawmakers,

wary of strong-arming the process and handling Republicans an excuse to vote no.

"I cannot even begin to count the number of possibilities that could emerge through the House process. So I'm not going to," said White House spokesman Jay Carney. "What I'm saying is that the end result has to meet the president's principles if he's going to sign it into law."

He said Obama would voice those principles and the benefits of fixing immigration Tuesday in interviews with Spanish-language TV stations.

If the White House had its way, the House would simply and swiftly take up a sweeping Sen-

ate bill that passed with bipartisan support. But House Speaker John Boehner has already rejected that notion, preferring to tackle the nation's immigration laws in "bite-sized chunks."

Boehner's approach reflects the intense skepticism of the GOP rank-and-file, who say they don't trust Obama will fulfill border-security requirements in the Senate-passed bill. Although Republicans generally acknowledge they must broaden their appeal to Hispanic voters whose influence in elections is rapidly growing, many say they fear primary challenges from the right if they support a new path to citizenship.

One exception that could gain traction among Republicans would be to offer a citizenship path only to those brought here as children. Allowing only those individuals to obtain citizenship could shield Republicans from attacks by conservatives that they're giving a free pass to those who voluntarily broke the law.

"I think that group of people—some call DREAMers—is a group that deserves perhaps the highest priority attention," Rep. Bob Goodlatte, who chairs the House Judiciary Committee, said at an immigration-related conference in California. "They know no other country."

Ind. doctor suspected in 2 deadly Neb. Attacks

OMAHA, Neb. (AP)—Authorities arrested an Indiana doctor Monday on suspicion of carrying out two attacks in Omaha over the past five years in which four people were killed who had ties to a local university medical school that fired him in 2001.

Dr. Anthony Garcia, who now lives in Terre Haute, Ind., was arrested by Illinois State Police during a traffic stop Monday in Union County, which is in the south of the state near Illinois' borders with Indiana and Missouri, Omaha Police Chief Todd Schmaderer said. Officers said he appeared to be intoxicated when they arrested him that he had a .45-caliber handgun with him.

Garcia, 40, was being held in Illinois on suspicion of four counts of first-degree murder and four counts of using a weapon

to commit a felony, Schmaderer said. An Illinois State Police official declined to discuss details of Garcia's arrest or detention, and said any questions should go to Omaha police.

Garcia didn't have a listed phone number in Terre Haute or in Chicago, where he previously lived, and it wasn't immediately clear if he had an attorney. No one answered the phone at his family's home in Walnut, Calif., Monday evening.

Public records show that since 2003, Garcia has held medical licenses in California, Illinois and Indiana, but his temporary Indiana license expired in January.

Investigators believe that in May, Garcia broke into the

Omaha home of Creighton University medical school pathology professor Roger Brumback and fatally shot him and stabbed his wife Mary to death, Schmaderer said. They

also believe Garcia was behind a 2008 home invasion in which the 11-year-old son and family housekeeper of another pathology department professor, William Hunter, were stabbed to death.

In 2001, Roger Brumback and Hunter fired Garcia, who was a department resident, because he had displayed erratic behavior, Schmaderer said. The police chief didn't provide further details of the alleged behavior and he declined to discuss the



Garcia

evidence used to build the case against Garcia.

A task force of local, state and FBI investigators has been working on the case, and its members believe Garcia fits all the criteria of a serial killer, Schmaderer said.

"We didn't feel this individual would stop unless an arrest was made," he said.

Schmaderer said investigators believe Garcia acted alone, and that they are also searching several places where Garcia has lived since 2001.

The Omaha attacks happened in neighborhoods where homicides are rare. The city averages about 40 per year.

One of the Brumbacks' three children, Darryl, said the family had no comment about the arrest. A male relative of Sherman's also declined to speak. The Hunter family didn't respond to a phone message seeking comment.

Martin in a gated community in Sanford, Fla. Martin was black, and Zimmerman identifies himself as Hispanic. Zimmerman was not arrested for 44 days, and the delay in charging him led to protests from those who believed race was a factor in the handling of the case.

While prosecutors accused Zimmerman of profiling Martin, Zimmerman maintained he acted in self-defense.

Juror B37, the only juror to speak publicly about the case so far, said Monday that the actions of Zimmerman and Martin both led to the teenager's fatal shooting, but that Zimmerman didn't actually break the law.

While Zimmerman made some poor decisions leading up to the shooting, including leaving his car when police told him not to, Martin wasn't innocent either, the juror said.

"I think both were responsible for the situation they had gotten themselves into," said the juror. "I think they both could have walked away."

The juror said Sanford Police Detective Chris Serino made a big impression on her, because he would have been accustomed to dealing with murders and similar cases. He would have known how to spot a liar, and yet he testified that he believed Zimmerman, the juror said.

Legal analysts agreed that Serino's testimony was a blow to the state's case. The Sanford police were criticized

last year for not arresting Zimmerman, and Gov. Rick Scott later appointed a special prosecutor, who brought charges against the neighborhood watch volunteer.

The juror said she didn't think Martin's race was the reason that Zimmerman followed him on a dark, rainy night. She said she also believed Martin threw the first punch and that Zimmerman, whom she referred to as "George," had a right to defend himself.

"I have no doubt George feared for his life in the situation he was in at the time," the juror said.

The juror was not impressed by the testimony of Rachel Jeantel, who was talking with Martin by cellphone moments before he was fatally shot by Zimmerman.

"I didn't think it was very credible, but I felt very sorry for her," the juror said. "She didn't want to be there."

The juror also commented on defense attorney Don West's knock-knock joke about knowing who Zimmerman was during opening statements.

"The joke was horrible. Nobody got it," she said.

Juror B37 outlined to CNN the process she and the other five jurors went through in their deliberations. She said they spent the first day electing a foreman and getting organized. She said the jury instructions weren't immediately clear and the evidence was in no order whatsoever.

Petraeus to take \$1 salary at NY school

NEW YORK (AP)—Former CIA director David Petraeus is taking a big salary cut for his visiting professorship at the City University of New York's honors college after being criticized for how much he was getting paid.

Petraeus, a hero of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars who quit the CIA in scandal last November after it was uncovered he'd had an affair with his biographer, will teach a seminar at Macaulay Honors College in the next academic year for \$1, *The New York Times* reported on Monday. That's down quite a bit from the \$200,000 that Gawker.com first reported he was getting paid based on documents it obtained.

The high salary for someone teaching one class spurred outrage in a system in which the average full-time faculty member salary is just under \$90,000.

Petraeus, who was a four-star general, proposed the salary reduction "to remove money as a point of controversy," his attorney said.

"The general never was taking on this teaching assignment for the money," said the attorney, Robert Barnett. "Once controversy arose about the amount he

was being paid, he decided it was much more important to keep the focus on the students, on the school and on the teaching and not have it be about the money."

Petraeus has a doctorate from Princeton University and has written widely on international relations, military strategy and tactics and national security issues. He's scheduled to start his job as a visiting professor for public policy on Aug. 1.

When Macaulay announced Petraeus' new job in April, he said he was pleased to teach at the college, where most students are the children of immigrants. He said he looked forward to leading a seminar on the global economic slowdown.

Macaulay Honors College's dean, Ann Kirschner, said Petraeus has "engaged the Macaulay and CUNY community with generosity and energy."

"From what I've already seen, he is focused on how best to support our students—in their research, classroom activities and professional aspirations," she said in a statement. "He will bring the classroom a rare perspective drawn from decades of mentorship and leadership in global initiatives."

Asia

Philippines, rebels agree on wealth-sharing accord

By JIM GOMEZ
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—The Philippine government and the country's largest Muslim rebel group have agreed on a crucial revenue-sharing accord for a proposed Muslim autonomous region, but a breakaway rebel faction resumed attacks in the south to undermine peace talks, officials said Sunday.

Government negotiators and the 11,000-strong Moro Islamic Liberation Front said in a joint statement that they signed the wealth-sharing agreement late Saturday in Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia, which has been brokering the yearslong talks. The negotiations aim to peacefully settle one of Southeast Asia's longest-running Muslim insurgencies, which has left more than 120,000 people dead and held back progress in resource-rich but appallingly poor southern Philippine regions since the 1970s.

Chief government negotiator Miriam Coronel-Ferrer said negotiations between her panel and the rebels were so tough that the talks had to be extended by two days before they managed to sign before midnight Saturday an accord on how the government and a more powerful Muslim autonomous region to be established in the south would divide revenues from taxation, fuel and mining.

The accord was the second of four key pacts that needed to be concluded under a peace deal



A Filipino Muslim woman clenches her fists as she shouts slogans during a rally outside the Malacanang presidential palace in Manila, Philippines on Friday June 28, 2013. The group is urging the government and Muslim rebels to speed up the peace process to reach a final agreement in ending decades of Muslim rebellion in southern Philippines.

envisioned to grant a larger autonomy to minority Muslims in the south of the largely Roman Catholic Philippines. The talks will next tackle the remaining but expectedly difficult issues of power-sharing and a program to disarm the rebels and possibly in-

tegrate them into a regional police force for the autonomous region, to be called Bangsamoro.

"Both parties' persistence and goodwill bore fruit," Coronel-Ferrer said.

Rebel vice chairman Ghadzali Jaafar said his group accepted

the revenue-sharing accord even though it was not fully satisfied with the outcome. While the proposed five-province autonomous region's revenue shares appear significant, many of its natural resources and potential gas deposits remain untapped, partly due to the

long-raging insurgency.

Under the new wealth-sharing accord, 25 percent of national government taxes and fees collected in the Muslim autonomous region would go to the Manila-based central government, while the rest would

be given to the regional government. The same formula would apply to income derived from the exploration, development and use of metallic minerals, according to Coronel-Ferrer.

Both sides would equally share potential income from petroleum, natural gas, coal and uranium deposits.

The Muslim autonomous region would take full control of income from non-metallic resources such as sand, gravel and quarries, as well as revenues from corporations, financial institutions and freeports owned or controlled by the regional government. The government would also provide a special development fund to the Muslim region.

Amid the progress in the talks, a breakaway rebel group opposed to the peace negotiations attacked a truckload of army troops, sparking a clash that killed two soldiers and five insurgents Saturday near the insurgents' strongholds in southern Maguindanao province, regional military spokesman Col. Dickson Hermoso said.

Armed guerrillas from the Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters also attempted to take over a long stretch of a major Maguindanao highway, which they blocked with a bomb-ridden motorcycle taxi, touching off sporadic overnight gunbattles.

There were no immediate reports of casualties from the fighting and army troops managed to secure the highway enough to open it to public motorists, Hermoso said.

Myanmar to 'free all political prisoners by year end'

LONDON (AFP)—Myanmar President Thein Sein said all political prisoners would be freed by the end of the year and that a ceasefire with ethnic groups was possible within weeks.

The former junta general's comments on Monday, made during his first visit to London, appear to be latest stage in reforms that Thein Sein has made since he took office in 2011.

"I guarantee to you that by the end of this year there will be no prisoners of conscience in Myanmar," Thein Sein told an audience at the Chatham House think-tank in London.

"We are aiming for nothing less than a transition from half a century of military rule and authoritarianism to democracy."

He was also optimistic about ending decades of conflict that have raged between the government and more than a dozen ethnic groups since the country formerly known as Burma won independence from Britain in 1948.

"Very possibly over the coming weeks we will have a nationwide ceasefire and the guns will go silent everywhere in Myanmar for the very first time in over 60 years," he said.

"Difficult talks will follow and hard compromises will need to be made. But it must be done."

British Prime Minister David Cameron earlier urged the president to defend human rights during talks.

Thein Sein promised to take a "zero tolerance approach" to people who "fuel ethnic hatreds" following attacks against Myanmar's Rohingya Muslim minority in which hundreds of people have been killed.

Welcoming the Myanmar leader on the red carpet outside his 10 Downing Street office, Cameron said he was "very pleased" to see Thein Sein on his "historic visit".

But Cameron, who last year became the first British prime minister to visit Myanmar, added: "As well as the continuation of your reform process, we are also very keen to see greater action in terms of promoting human rights and dealing with regional conflicts.

"We are particularly concerned about what has happened in Rakhine province and the Rohingya Muslims."

Buddhist-Muslim clashes in the western state of Rakhine last year left about 200 people

dead, mostly Rohingya Muslims who are denied citizenship by Myanmar.

Further clashes have erupted in recent months.

Around a dozen protesters gathered outside Downing Street during Thein Sein's visit calling for action to protect the Rohingya.

But Cameron followed the international community's line on the need for economic development in particular to support reform in Myanmar, formerly known as Burma.

"We believe there are many areas for Britain and your country to cooperate together, diplomatically, in terms of trade and investment, the aid and development relationship and also our growing links in terms of our militaries," Cameron said.

Defense Secretary Philip Hammond later met with Thein Sein, insisting that "reforming the Burmese military and pursuing a sustainable peace process" was key to Myanmar's progress.

"The focus of our defense engagement will be on developing democratic accountability in a modern armed forces, and we have offered training for the Burmese military to this end," he added.

Top Islamist jailed for Bangladesh war crimes

DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP)—A 91-year-old former chief of an Islamic party in Bangladesh was sentenced to 90 years in jail on Monday for crimes against humanity during the country's 1971 independence war, angering both supporters who said the trial was politically motivated and opponents who said he should be executed.

A special tribunal of three judges announced the decision against Ghulam Azam in a packed courtroom in Dhaka, the capital. The panel said the former leader of the Jamaat-e-Islami party deserved capital punishment, but received a jail sentence instead because of his advanced age and poor health.

Azam was in the dock when the verdict was delivered while protesters outside rallied to demand his execution. Both the defense and the prosecution said they will appeal.

Azam led Jamaat-e-Islami in then-east Pakistan in 1971 when Bangladesh became independent through a bloody war. He is among several Jamaat-e-Islami leaders convicted by a tribunal formed in 2010 by the government of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to try those accused of collaborating with the Pakistani army in the war.

Bangladesh says the Pakistani army killed 3 million people and raped 200,000 women during the nine-month war, and some 10 million people took shelter across the border in India.

Azam led the party until 2000 and is still considered to be its spiritual leader. Jamaat-e-Islami claims his trial and others were politically motivated, which authorities deny. The party called for a nationwide shutdown after the tribunal announced Sunday it would have the verdict Monday.

Violence has followed previous verdicts, and news outlets including the Daily Star newspaper said at least three Jamaat-e-Islami activists were killed in parts of Bangladesh on Monday. Two were beaten to death by opposition activists in southwestern Kushtia district as they tried to block a road. One was killed in northwestern Chapainawabganj district when paramilitary border guards opened fire after a bomb was thrown at police.

Police clashed with party supporters in parts of Dhaka while party activists set fire to a few vehicles that tried to defy the strike call, the Bengali-language Prothom Alo newspaper reported.

Police fired rubber bullets to disperse an opposition procession in Dhaka's Jatrabari area, and some photographers and cameramen were injured in the chaos, the newspaper said.

The tribunal said Azam was guilty of all 61 charges under five categories: conspiracy, incitement, planning, abetment and failure to prevent killing.

He and his party were accused of forming citizens' brigades to commit genocide and other serious crimes against the pro-independence fighters during the war.

Azam had openly campaigned against the creation of Bangladesh and toured the Middle East to get support in favor of Pakistan. He routinely met with Pakistan authorities during the war. A mouthpiece of the party routinely published statements by Azam and his associates calling for crushing the fighters who fought against the Pakistani military in 1971.

World

Capture of Zetas leader unlikely to quell violence

MEXICO CITY (AP)—The capture of the notoriously brutal Zetas leader Miguel Angel Trevino Morales is a serious blow to Mexico's most feared drug cartel but experts cautioned that taking down the group's command structure is unlikely to diminish violence in the border states where it dominates through terror.

Trevino Morales, 40, was captured before dawn Monday by Mexican Marines who intercepted a pickup truck with \$2 million in cash on a dirt road in the countryside outside the border

city of Nuevo Laredo, which has long served as the Zetas' base of operations. The truck was halted by a Marine helicopter and Trevino Morales was taken into custody along with a bodyguard and an accountant and eight guns, government spokesman Eduardo Sanchez told reporters.

It was the first major blow against an organized crime leader by a Mexican administration struggling to drive down per-

sistently high levels of violence. Experts on the Zetas said that the arrest, at least the eighth capture or killing of a high-ranking Zeta since 2011, could leave behind a series of cells scattered across northern Mexico without a central command but with the same appetite for kidnapping, extortion and other crimes against innocent people.

"It's another link in the destruction of the Zetas as a coher-



Morales

ent, identifiable organization," said Alejandro Hope, a former member of Mexico's domestic intelligence service. "There will still be people who call themselves Zetas, bands of individuals who maintain the same modus operandi. There will be fights over illegal networks."

The Zetas remain active in Nuevo Laredo, the nearby border state of Coahuila, the Gulf Coast state of Veracruz, parts of north central Mexico and Central America, although Trevino Morales' arrest means the gang has become "a franchise operation not a vertical organization," said George Grayson, an expert on the Zetas and professor of government at the College

of William & Mary.

The Zetas leader and his alleged accomplices were flown to Mexico City, where they are expected to eventually be tried in a closed system that usually takes years to prosecute cases, particularly high-profile ones.

Trevino Morales, known as "Z-40," is uniformly described as one of the two most powerful cartel heads in Mexico, the leader of a corps of special forces defectors who went to work for drug traffickers, splintered off into their own cartel in 2010 and metastasized across Mexico, expanding from drug dealing into extortion, kidnapping and human trafficking.



SALVAGE OPERATION

The *Costa Concordia* cruise ship lies on its side in the Tuscan Island of Isola del Giglio, Monday, July 15, 2013. Salvage crews are working against time to right and remove the shipwrecked *Costa Concordia* cruise ship, which is steadily compressing down on itself from sheer weight onto its granite seabed perch off the Tuscan island of Giglio. Salvage master Nick Sloane said Monday that the *Concordia* has compressed some 3 meters (10 feet) since it came to rest on the rocks Jan. 13, 2012 after ramming a jagged reef during a stunt ordered by the captain that cost the lives of 32 people.

AP

American diplomat: US not backing a side in Egypt

CAIRO (AP)—The most senior U.S. official to visit Egypt since its elected president was ousted said Monday that Washington is committed to helping the Arab country succeed in its "second chance" at democracy, adding this can only happen with the participation of the Muslim Brotherhood.

Deputy Secretary of State William Burns' meetings with Egypt's interim leaders came as thousands of supporters of deposed President Mohammed Morsi held another mass rally to demand his return to office. The protest turned violent as police fired tear gas at pro-Morsi protesters who burned tires, threw rocks and blocked traffic flow on a main roadway running through the heart of the capital.

The remarks by Burns, the No. 2 American diplomat, signaled that Washington, while calling for an inclusive transition, is moving on from Morsi and his Brotherhood group.

Burns insisted that the United States

is not taking sides in deeply polarized Egypt, saying it is not Washington's policy, "as outsiders, to support particular political personalities and particular parties."

"What we're going to continue to try to do is to support an open inclusive, tolerant democratic process," Burns said. "We hope it will be a chance to learn some of the lessons and correct some of the mistakes of the last two years."

Burns' comments were being carefully watched in Cairo, where a cross-spectrum of groups have accused Washington of meddling in the country's affairs.

Morsi's opponents have long accused the United States of backing the Islamist president during his year in office, particularly after he helped broker a cease-fire between neighboring Israel and the Hamas rulers in the Palestinian Gaza Strip. Tamarod, the main activist group that organized the protests against Morsi, said it refused an invita-

tion to meet with Burns because of the perceived U.S. stance.

On the other side, Morsi's supporters, including the Brotherhood, now accuse Washington of backing the July 3 coup against Egypt's first freely elected president. A Brotherhood spokesman said he was not aware of any invitation for the group to meet with the U.S. diplomat during his visit.

State Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki would not comment on whether Tamarod or the Brotherhood had been invited to meet Burns.

Burns held talks Monday with Egypt's interim President Adly Mansour, Prime Minister-designate Hazem el-Beblawi and the head of the military, Gen. Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi, concerning the transition plan put forward by the new leadership. The road map calls for the amending of the Islamist-drafted constitution approved in a referendum under Morsi and then parliamentary and presidential elections early next year.

Putin accuses US of 'trapping' Snowden in Russia

MOSCOW (AFP)—Russian President Vladimir Putin accused the United States of trapping US intelligence leaker Edward Snowden in Moscow, saying he would leave Russia as soon as possible.

"As soon as there's the chance to move somewhere he will certainly do this," Putin said in televised remarks.

"He arrived on our territory uninvited, he did not fly to us, he was flying in transit to other countries," Putin said.

"But as soon as he was in the air, it became known, and our American partners essentially blocked off his further flight."

These were Putin's first public remarks since Snowden met with several rights activists and lawyers Friday at Moscow's Sheremetyevo airport, where he is stranded.

Snowden arrived in Moscow from Hong Kong on June 23 and the US revoked his passport the same day.

Booked on a June 24 flight from Moscow to Havana, Cuba, he never boarded the plane. Snowden has been stranded in the airport's transit zone since then.

Putin said of the United States: "They themselves scared off all the other countries, no one wants to take him, and therefore they essentially themselves trapped him on our territory."

"A nice gift to us for Christmas,"

he told Russian reporters traveling with him on a visit to the island of Gogland in the Gulf of Finland.

He did not know what would become of Snowden. "How would I know? That's his life, his fate," the president said.

But he did note a change in position by the former NSA contractor. Snowden announced on Friday that he did, after all, want to apply for asylum in Russia until he could travel on to Latin America, where several countries have offered him asylum.

He had withdrawn his initial application after Putin said earlier this month that Snowden could claim asylum in Russia only if he stopped his leaks.

When Snowden announced Friday he was renewing his application, he said he had promised not to harm US interests in the future.

"Judging by his latest statement, he is somewhat changing his position," said Putin. "But the situation has not been finally clarified so far."

He said nothing about whether or not Snowden's application would be accepted.

Putin is set to host US President Barack Obama for a bilateral summit in Moscow followed by the G20 summit in Saint Petersburg in early September.

Putin said Russia had made its position clear to Snowden.

WORLD BRIEFS

Gay marriage bill clears Britain's House of Lords

LONDON (AP)—Britain's gay marriage bill has cleared its last major hurdle, passing through the House of Lords and prompting celebrations from campaigners outside Parliament. Supporters of the bill in Parliament's upper house wore pink carnations Monday as the Lords agreed to send it back to the House of Commons, where lawmakers will review government amendments before it becomes law. That is expected to go without a hitch, as the House of Commons earlier passed the bill 390 to 148. The bill will enable gay couples to get married in both civil and religious ceremonies in England and Wales. Currently, same-sex couples can form civil partnerships, which carry similar rights and responsibilities to marriage.

Nigerian activists: Arrest Sudan leader for crimes

ABUJA, Nigeria (AP)—Angry that Nigeria is hosting a fugitive accused of genocide and war crimes, human rights lawyers Monday asked the Federal High Court to issue an arrest warrant for Sudan's leader Omar al-Bashir. Nigerian civil rights activists sent an urgent request to the International Criminal Court to refer the Nigerian government to the U.N. Security Council for failing to detain al-Bashir and surrender him to the court in The Hague for trial, said the Socio-Economic Rights and Accountability Project. The project urged Nigerian President Goodluck Jonathan "to support the demand by the international community for justice for the victims of genocide and war crimes."

Focus

CHICAGO (AP)—One minute, 6-year-old Nathan Woessner was scampering up a massive dune in northern Indiana with his dad and a friend. He was gone the next, without a warning or sound.

More than three hours later, rescuers pulled Nathan out from under 11 feet of sand on Friday. He showed no signs of life: He was cold to the touch, had no pulse and wasn't breathing. His limp body was put into the back of a pickup truck, which started toward a waiting ambulance.

The plan was to take him to the hospital rather than the coroner's office, even if he was dead, in order to "give the family and rescue workers hope," La Porte (Ind.) County Chief Deputy Coroner Mark Huffman said Monday.

As the truck bounced over the dune, a medic noticed something astonishing: The boy took a breath. Then, a cut on his head started bleeding. The jolt apparently shocked Nathan's body back to life, Huffman said. Nathan was rushed to the hospital and was crying in the emergency room when Huffman arrived a few minutes later.

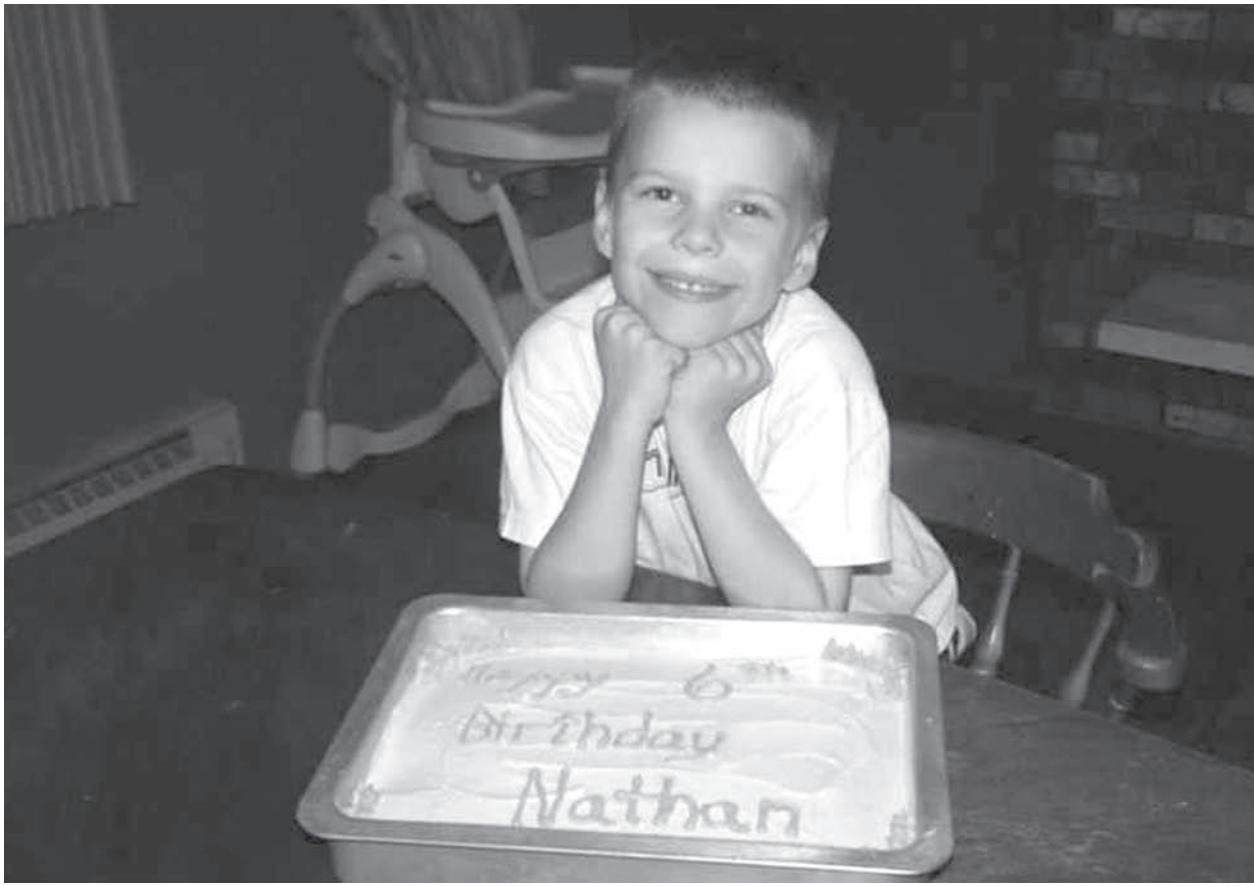
"Man, I tell you that was such a great feeling," Huffman said. "This is not something that I as the chief deputy coroner get to report that often. It's an absolute miracle this child survived."

Nathan, of Sterling, Ill., remains in critical condition at the University of Chicago Medicine Comer Children's Hospital, but he is expected to recover and be released in 10 to 14 days, Dr. Tracy Koogler said Monday. Of greatest concern is his lungs, as the amount of sand he breathed in could lead to asthma-like symptoms, she said.

Don Reul, Nathan's grandfather, was getting ready for bed after a long day of tooling around on motorcycles in New York state with his wife and another couple when the phone rang. On the other end was the "hysterical" voice of his daughter, Faith Woessner.

"She said, 'Dad, Dad, we can't find him, he's under the sand,'" said Reul, a minister from Galva, Ill.

But he understood little else, and by the time he hung up, he believed that his grandson had fallen on the beach at Indiana Dunes National Seashore and



AP

This undated photo provided by the Woessner family via The University of Chicago Hospital, shows Nathan Woessner.

All involved agree, sand dune rescue 'a miracle'

had been pulled into Lake Michigan.

"I said, 'Nathan has died, he's drowned,'" Reul told his wife.

The Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, running for about 25 miles along the southern shore of Lake Michigan, is a popular vacation spot that has long attracted families, hikers and birdwatchers. The dune Nathan fell feet-first into is one of the tallest, the 123-foot-tall Mount Baldy.

Nathan's 8-year-old friend rushed to where his dad and Nathan's dad were, and told them Nathan had vanished. Reul said that by the time Nathan's fa-

ther found the hole, he could hear his son, but not see him.

The two men frantically dug sand from the spot where Nathan had fallen, but stopped after it was about 4 feet deep, Reul said, realizing they might have driven Nathan "deeper and deeper." Faith Woessner, meanwhile, was begging people to help them dig.

Michigan City, Ind., firefighters soon arrived and excavating companies brought backhoes and other heavy equipment to try to catch up with the boy, who was still sinking into the sand. According to media reports, the

first responders pushed a rod down into the sand in the hopes of finding the boy.

Hours passed without a sign of Nathan. Huffman, the coroner, who said he had been hanging back from the dig site out of respect for the family, arrived on the scene, which Reul said must have been a sure sign that officials feared the worst: It wouldn't be a rescue.

Then, volunteer firefighter Ryan Miller, the vice president of an excavating company, spotted the outline of what looked like a rotten tree about 11 feet down—maybe more—and pushed the rod until it stopped

at the boy. Michigan City firefighter Brad Kreighbaum reached down and "felt what he believed to be Nathan's head," Miller said.

It was just in time, as there was no air pocket surrounding Nathan.

"He was fully encapsulated in sand," Miller said, noting it took about five firefighters to pull him out.

Once the family heard the boy was bleeding, Reul said, "Hope began to bubble up ... that Nathan's not gone."

He was airlifted Friday night to the University of Chicago Medicine Comer Children's Hospital from an Indiana hospital.

"I expected him to arrive much sicker than he did," said Koogler, medical director of the pediatric intensive care unit.

Nathan was sedated so doctors could remove as much of the sand in his lungs as possible. She said Monday doctors don't see any more sand particles but believe some are still in there.

Doctors also said early neurological tests didn't reveal any brain damage; Nathan can move his arms, legs, fingers and toes. Koogler also said Nathan's eyes appear to be fine, adding he must have had closed them while buried in the sand.

She said the biggest concern remains the boy's lungs, telling reporters Monday that Nathan could develop asthma-like symptoms in the months to come but that the injury to his lungs was "not nearly as severe as I expected it to be."

Koogler said if Nathan continues to recover at the same rate, he would likely be taken off the ventilator by the end of the week and released from the hospital in 10 to 14 days, but may need another month in a rehab facility.

In six months, she said, "I'm hoping that he's going to be acting like a normal 6- to 7-year-old, riding a bicycle, doing what a normal 6- or 7-year-old does."

Reul said that before he and his wife heard anything about his grandson, he experienced sharp, stabbing pains in his chest. Reul was not ready to say Monday that those pains happened at approximately the time his grandson fell into the sinkhole.

But he was sure of what happened after: "It is a miracle."

In this July 12, 2013, photo rescue workers with heavy equipment working to free 6-year-old Nathan Woessner who fell into a hole in a massive sand dune at the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore in Michigan City, Ind.

AP



Campus Life

Rota school kicks off Summer Camp 2013

The sounds of excited children filled the Rota Round House on July 6 as the first day of the Esquelan San Francisco de Borja Summer Camp 2013 began.

The summer camp, which is for children of the Luta community ages 6 to 13, has the theme "Cultural Diversity Through Food, Arts, and Music."

The ESFDB Summer Camp 2013 theme is designed to provide awareness and preserve the various cultures of the CNMI. Each culture has its own rich and unique identity, whether it's Chamorro, Carolinian, Filipino, Japanese, or Korean.

According to this year's camp coordinator, Edward Maratita Jr., "it is our goal to educate these children in their cultures and expand their educational opportunities in learning their culture and other cultures that will benefit them since they live in a place where the culture is diverse."

"Our Summer Camp 2013 will have a big impact on both the majority and minority cultures. The children will feel that they also have a great contribution to the economic growth and development of the CNMI. And they can do this by sharing



Parents pose for a souvenir photo after their meeting with camp director Carmen H. Atalig.

their unique skills from their own culture," added Maratita. "In the future, our children will continue to enrich other indigenous people in various parts of the world who've lost their way or forgot their culture."

"Summer Camp 2013 has many activities that are connected to preserving various

cultures," said camp director and ESFDB principal Carmen H. Atalig. "What makes our summer camp unique is the partnership of various government agencies. And in these government agencies we have people working from diverse cultures. With their assistance, they may be able to share their

rich and unique culture with the children."

"We have to be mindful that children at the age of 6-13 grow and develop at their own rate. This age group brings new and exciting challenges so we should be ready to reach out to them," added Atalig. "It is important to network with the parents so they would follow up on the skills being taught. A seminar will be pro-

vided to parents to acquire some knowledge that will help their children succeed."

This year's summer camp will teach the children how to cook food from various cultures, learn how to weave, plant, make medicines using herbs, cultural dances and music, and storytelling, to name a few.

Upon completing the summer camp, the children will be able to

demonstrate the love of preserving their culture through food, arts, music, and storytelling.

ESFDB Summer Camp 2013 funding was made possible by the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs' Child Care Development Fund. While some programs charge significant fees to attend summer camps, the ESFDB summer camp program is free of charge because of the federal funds granted.

The summer camp program is headed by camp coordinator Maratita Jr. and team counselors Florinda Chavez, Mary Rose Lucero, Lea Maratita, Ann Marie Toves, and Zahra Frazier. In addition, the counselors are being assisted by student team leaders and volunteers Romela de Guzman, Angelica Lucero, Metka Mendiola, Amelia Quitugua, Auston Reyes, Reziel Camacho, Michaela King, Liezel Hipolito, Audrey Manglona, Rhea Costales, and Christopher Cayetano.

ESFDB would like to express their appreciation to the parents, Mayor Melchor Mendiola, Rota Mayor's Office staff, DCCA, Rota DYS, Department of Commerce/Eco Camp, and Department of Land and Natural Resources/Forestry. **(Edward Maratita Jr.)**

FIFTH YEAR DEATH ANNIVERSARY

In Loving Memory of

Daniel Duenas Babauta

We the family humbly invite all our relatives and friends to join us in prayers as we commemorate the Fifth Year Death anniversary of our beloved unto eternal life.

Daily 6:00am mass will be offered at Kristo Rai Church beginning Thursday, July 11, 2013 through Friday, July 19, 2013.

On the final day, Friday, July 19, 2013 breakfast will be served at the Kristo Rai social hall immediately after the mass.

Your presence and prayers will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you and Si Yu'us Ma'ase
The Family



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Camp leaders and volunteers hand out snacks for camp participants. From left, camp leaders Romela de Guzman and Zahra Frazier and assistant camp leader Auston Reyes.



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Camp participants demonstrate an energizer to keep their fellow camp members busy. From left, Jonelle Toskas, Tyra Reese Calvo, Marnecia Hocog, Marjorie Banaag, camp leader Angelica Lucero, and Loreville Clitar.

Life & Style

Creativity by the yard: thinking beyond grass



▲ In this June 12, 2013 photo, the lawn remains the centerpiece in this yard but was greatly downsized and shaped by a landscaped perimeter consisting of furniture, statuary and a variety of perennials, in Langley, Wash. Less mowing, less watering and fewer chemicals was the result. It attracts more wildlife, too.

By DEAN FOSDICK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Grass isn't always the best groundcovers for a yard: It's thirsty at a time when water is becoming scarce; it attracts fewer pollinators; it requires expensive chemicals to maintain, and it must be disposed of if you bag as you mow.

That's why many property owners are downsizing their lawns or simply eliminating turf grass in exchange for something more functional and less demanding.

"We're recommending ecosystem changes provided by a more productive landscape, instead of a monoculture from grass," says Susan Barton, an extension horticulturist with the University of Delaware. "A lawn should not be a default vegetation, but it should be more purposeful. More diverse."

She suggests four alternatives to turf grass: landscape beds, meadows, woods and paved, permeable hardscapes.

"All of these provide more ecologic service," she says. "We're talking clean water. More habitat for insects. More oxygen taken in and less carbon dioxide given off."

Barton helped get a county landscape ordinance passed a decade or so ago allowing "managed meadows" to replace grass in residential front yards. These no-mow areas filter water, encourage the return of native plants that provide food and cover for wildlife, and still have curb appeal.

"A managed meadow isn't simply a matter of letting your grass grow long," she says. "It means mowing paths through it and adding edges where need-

ed. If people think about it and make it look good, there's no reason why it shouldn't be part of suburbia."

Downsizing or replacing turf isn't simple or cheap, but it can be done in stages. Start with your toughest-to-grow or hardest-to-mow sections.

"Use the 80-20 plan where 20 percent of your area requires 80 percent of your maintenance," says Evelyn Hadden, a founding member of the Lawn Reform Coalition and author of "Beautiful No-Mow Yards" (Timber Press, 2012).

"Hillsides are a good example," Hadden says. "The steeper they are, the more difficult they are to mow. Replaced with the proper plants, they can moderate (water) runoff."

Other replaceable options include boulevards, driveways and pockets overgrown by weeds or moss.

"Look first at areas where the grass is already suffering—that strip along the street that's hard to water or trampled by people getting off the bus," says Pam Penick, a garden designer from Austin, Texas, and author of "Lawn Gone!: Low-Maintenance, Sustainable, Attractive Alternatives for Your Yard" (Ten Speed Press, 2013).

Use ecological grasses if you don't want to eliminate turf, Penick says. "Fine fescue lawns grow slowly and can get by with less rainfall and less mowing. Those are good options for people who want to fit in with their neighborhoods but don't want to be slaves to their lawns," she says.

Or "consider ornamental grasses," she adds, or "some of the new groundcovers (aromatic herbs, succulents, low-growing



▲ In this June 25, 2013 photo, the front entry of this home has more eye appeal after the lawn was reclaimed using shrubs, trees, flowering perennials and a walkway rather than turf grass, in Langley, Wash. A heavy mulch cover helps minimize weeds.

shrubs, ferns, hosta). Edibles. Larger shrubs. You can have a nice looking yard yet be conservation-minded."

Any lawn renovation project should be regionally appropriate, however.

"What we're really talking about is using native vegetation," says the University of Delaware's Barton. "Xeriscaping is a great concept for the Southwest or areas that are dry, but those kinds of plants would drown here. Rain gardens would be a better addition given the amount of moisture we've had recently."

In Celebration of Her New Life

PIA TAIMANAO HOCOG

Lovingly known as "Pi" or "Momma Pia"

July 23, 1949 – July 11, 2013

In her new life, she joins her:
Husband: Dimas Atalig Hocog
Parents: Francisco Manglona and Cecilia Ramos Taimanao
Parents in-law: Tito Songao and Rosario Atalig Hocog
Brothers and Sisters: Joannes R. Taimanao, Merced R. Taimanao, and Gloria R. Taimanao
Brothers and Sisters in-law: Jose Arriola, Matias Pangelinan, Lorenzo A. Hocog, and Vicente S. Atalig.

Memories of Momma Pia will live forever in the hearts of her:
Children and grand children:
 Imelda H. and Jeremy Atalig (DJ, Jeremy II & Damian)
 Derek T. and Rose T. Ada-Hocog (Luis, Tamleen, DJay, Loria, Dante, Trey, & Tito III)
 Tito II and Ivy T. Hocog (Autumn & Titus)
 Ben H. Atalig and Vanna San Nicolas (Brynn & Ben Jr)
 TJ H. Atalig
 Rebecca T. and David Cuevas

Reared Children:
 John King/Lorna and Family
 Mark Hocog/Martha and family
 Gerry Hocog/Tiffany & family
 Annalyn Hocog Angoco/John & family
 Risa Hocog/Dan & family
 Sheena Mesngon/Brad & family
 Selma Mesngon/Benjamin & family
 Yvonne Sablan/Raynard & family
 Sandra Marga & Family
 Jenny Naputi and Family
 Darrel Sablan & family
 Gene Brian Hocog
 Ray Hocog
 Mariel Hocog

Brothers and Sisters in-law:
 Carmen Taimanao (†Joannes), Luisa Arriola (†Jose & †Matias), Virginia and Jesus De Jesus, Francisco and Joy Taimanao, Abraham and Rosie Taimanao, Joyce Hocog (†Lorenzo); Eusebio and Rosie Hocog; Salomae H. and Vincent Calvo; Tita A. Hocog; and Carmen H. Atalig (†Vicente)

Her memory will also live forever in the hearts of her Godchildren, aunts, uncles, cousins, nephews, nieces, and friends.


Daily Mass is being offered at 6:00am at the San Francisco De Borja Church in Songsong Village and 7:00pm at the San Isidro Church in Sinapalo, Rota.

On Saturday, July 20, 2013, her remains will be brought to the San Francisco De Borja Church at 5:30am. Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 6:00am followed by Interment Services at the San Jose Cemetery, Songsong Village.

Your thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated.

Si Yu'us Ma'ase – Thank You

Ginen I Familia



More tests needed for cause of Monteith's death

By DERRIK J. LANG
AP ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

The cause of "Glee" actor Cory Monteith's death remained unclear Monday, and authorities in Canada said it could take several days before toxicology test results are in.

Vancouver police Sgt. Randy Fincham said there's nothing to indicate the death was due to illicit drug use.

Monteith, 31, was found dead in his Vancouver, British Columbia, hotel room on Saturday, according to police, who have ruled out foul play.

Police said Monteith had been out with people earlier, but video and electronic records from the hotel indicated he returned to his room by himself early Saturday. He was believed to be alone when he died.

Monteith's passing recalls the lives of Heath Ledger, Corey Haim and River Phoenix—actors who battled substance abuse and died in their 20s and 30s. Monteith talked bluntly about struggling with addiction since he was a teenager, calling it a serious problem and telling *Parade* magazine in 2011 he was "lucky to be alive."

Monteith admitted himself to a treatment facility in April for substance addiction and asked for privacy as he took steps toward recovery, a representative said at the time. Lea Michele, Monteith's "Glee" co-star and real-life girlfriend, told *People* magazine that she loved and supported him



Publicist Lesley Diana, who had worked with Canadian actor Cory Monteith, places flowers at a memorial for Monteith outside the Fairmont Pacific Rim Hotel in Vancouver, British Columbia on Monday, July 15, 2013.

and was proud he was seeking help. It was not Monteith's first time in rehab. He also received treatment when he was 19.

Michele was asking that everyone respect her privacy "during this devastating time," said her representative, Molly Kawachi of ID-PR.

The Fox network and the producers of "Glee," including 20th Century Fox Television,

called Monteith an exceptional performer "and an even more exceptional person." Michele asked for privacy upon hearing the news of his death.

Monteith had recently shot a Canadian film called "All the Wrong Reasons," with actors Kevin Zegers, Karine Vanasse and Emily Hampshire, slated to debut on the festival circuit this fall.

Gia Milani, who produced, directed and wrote the screenplay, said Monteith portrays a ruthless department store manager who shows a unique vulnerability when he helps his wife deal with post-traumatic stress disorder. She said Monteith connected with the role because he had retail experience, working in a Walmart in Vancouver when he was younger.

"There were some risque moments in the film and he's very intense in it and passionate," Gilani told Canadian Press in a telephone interview from just north of Shediac, New Brunswick, her voice still shaky from the shock of Monteith's death over the weekend. "He pulled it off flawlessly."

Milani said Monteith "seemed healthy" when she last saw him four weeks ago in Los Angeles to screen the film for him.

"He looked super fit and he was energetic and excited. He was really good," she said.

She said Monteith showed no signs of a substance abuse problem while shooting the film a year ago in Halifax, Nova Scotia. He was shooting "Glee" at the same time and would take a red-eye flight from Los Angeles to Halifax on Sundays, arrive mid-morning and "still know his lines and still be fresh and focused," she said.

"He had amazing ideas and he brought a lot to the role," said Milani. "He had just an outstanding work ethic."

Milani said Monteith told her "he felt like he had achieved so much with 'Glee' that it gave him permission to do other things," including smaller films such as hers.

Off the set, Monteith was "always gracious" in accommodating fans when they approached him as he dined in restaurants, said Milani.

"Never one time was he rude,

never one time did he say no," she said. "He was a super accessible guy, which is just all the more painful."

Outside the Vancouver hotel, Monteith's fans created a makeshift memorial. (hash) RipCoryMonteith and (hash) StayStrongLea became trending topics on Twitter.

In England, what was supposed to be a weekend celebration of "Glee" turned into an impromptu memorial after news of Monteith's death rocked a fan convention.

"The news was devastating. No one had any idea what to say or do," said Chloe Harvey, an 18-year-old fan from Portsmouth, England. "It just shows how much of a truly amazing guy Cory was that everyone was so shocked and emotional about the news."

"Glee," with its catchy song-and-dance numbers and high-profile guest stars like Gwyneth Paltrow and Britney Spears, became an instant hit when it debuted in 2009 and made celebrities of Monteith and the rest of the relatively unknown cast.

Monteith served as the show's resident hunk with a heart of gold. He played Finn Hudson, a football quarterback with two left feet who found more camaraderie in the choir room than on the football field. After his character graduated high school, Hudson sought out to find himself before settling on what he wanted to do with his life: become a teacher and mentor.

Chris Brown probation revoked; he remains free

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A judge revoked Chris Brown's probation on Monday after reviewing the details of an alleged hit-and-run accident involving the singer and his behavior afterward. However, the singer was not ordered to jail.

Brown, who came to court with a group of family members, appeared downcast as he sat with his arms across his chest and his head down on the counsel table while his lawyer and a prosecutor went to the judge's chambers to discuss the case.

When they emerged, Superior Court Judge James Brandlin said he had read the file.

"In this matter, probation is revoked," he said.

Brown's lawyer, Mark Geragos, suggested that perhaps the matter will be resolved informally without a major probation hearing. He said the hit-and-run case would be back in court in Van Nuys on July 23.

Deputy District Attorney Mary Murray did not ask for Brown to be jailed, and the judge allowed him to remain free on his own recognizance.

Another hearing is set for Aug. 16.

The singer has been on felony probation in the 2009 beating of former girlfriend Rihanna.

Prosecutors moved to revoke Brown's probation after he was charged last month with misde-



R&B singer Chris Brown, left, and his Attorney Mark Geragos appear during a court hearing at Los Angeles Superior court in Los Angeles Monday, July 15, 2013.

meanor hit-and-run and driving without a valid license. Brown has not entered a plea in the case.

The singer has been in and out of court since the Rihanna assault, making reports on fulfilling the requirements of his probation.

In February, the Sheriff's Department investigated a fight between Brown and singer Frank Ocean at a recording studio, but Ocean decided not to pursue a battery case against Brown. The same month, Brown crashed his Porsche while being chased by paparazzi.

Brown's most recent problem stems from a May 12 traffic ac-

cident in which he is suspected of rear-ending a car stopped at a red light in the San Fernando Valley and refusing to give the other driver his license or insurance information.

A woman in the car with Brown provided her driver's license, according to a police report that says Brown did not provide his until his lawyer had an investigator deliver an expired insurance card to the other driver several days later.

The driver of a Mercedes Benz involved in the crash told police she was a recent emigre to this country and didn't know procedures.

The woman, identified in

court documents only as Olga G., said she called her husband to find out what to do and was told to exchange driver's licenses and insurance identification.

At first, she said Brown was polite. But as she continued to demand identification, a confrontation arose, she said in court documents.

She said Brown's companion, identified as Karrueche Tien-tre Tran, offered her driver's license and said the car belonged to her.

In her written statement, the woman said when Brown refused to provide his identification, she took a picture of the couple "and then they went ballistic."

She said Brown began shouting expletives and grabbed for her camera.

"I jumped back, the girl screamed, 'Don't touch her. Don't touch her,'" she said.

"I was so shocked that I was speechless," she said in the statement. "Just a moment ago he was a nice guy. After screaming some insulting nonsense for a while longer, he slammed a door and drove away fast and noisy."

The woman didn't know the identity of the man who hit her car until a friend called and told her after seeing a report on the Internet.

Brown won a Grammy in 2011 for Best R&B Album with "F.A.M.E."

Expert: Jackson would have earned \$1B on comeback

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Michael Jackson could have earned \$1.1 billion or more if he had performed a worldwide concert tour and created a Las Vegas show before his death, an accounting expert familiar with the singer's earning potential told jurors Monday.

Arthur Erk, a certified public accountant who conducts royalty audits for musicians, told jurors that Jackson might have earned \$1.5 billion for the shows if he had charged higher ticket prices during later shows on the "This Is It" tour.

Erk said he was using conservative estimates to figure Jackson's earning potential if he had lived for several more years, completed a worldwide tour and created a Las Vegas show based on his music. The estimates took into account endorsements and royalties that Jackson could have earned and are heavily dependent on the idea that Jackson would have performed a 37-month, 260-concert world tour.

AEG Live defense attorney Sabrina Strong questioned Erk's assumption during cross-examination because Jackson had never completed a tour that long and hadn't performed a tour in more than a decade. Strong also

questioned Erk about three instances where Jackson got into legal disputes over canceled performances, but the accountant said those didn't factor into his analysis.

"He needed to work," Erk said.

His testimony was meant to show jurors the superstar's earning potential in the case brought by Jackson's mother against concert promoter AEG Live LLC.

Katherine Jackson claims AEG Live is liable for her son's death because it failed to properly investigate the doctor convicted of giving the singer an anesthetic overdose.

AEG denies it hired the doctor or bears any responsibility for Jackson's June 2009 death at age 50.

Jurors heard directly from Katherine Jackson on Monday when Strong played a portion of her deposition testimony to rebut the idea her son would have embarked on a lengthy tour.

On the video, she said she was surprised when her son announced the "This Is It" shows in London. "He would always make a joke about he don't want to be doing the Moonwalk on stage when ... he's over 50," she said. "He wanted to be doing something else."

Matthews fans meet him in need of ride to Pa. show

HERSHEY, Pa. (AP)—A fan on her way to a Dave Matthews concert pulled over to help a stranded bicyclist, who turned out to be none other than the singer himself.

Emily Kraus and her boyfriend pulled over Saturday to give a ride to a man whose bike had broken down, she told WHP-TV in Harrisburg. They realized it was Matthews, who didn't have a cellphone on him to call for help. They helped him stow his bicycle on their bike rack, and he got in their car for the rest of the ride.

"We didn't know how to make conversation with him, in fact, so we were talking

about his tour and where he had come from," Kraus said. "He had just been in Cincinnati and he said, 'I'm taking a short break after this one because I have to drop my daughters off at camp.' ... He was just a very humble guy."

He invited them to dinner, took them backstage and got them front-row seats. Kraus said she woke up the next morning still amazed at what had happened.

"I rolled over and I said, 'OK, yeah, that really happened yesterday,'" she said with a laugh, recalling that Matthews autographed their concert tickets and thanked them for the ride. "It was surreal. We couldn't believe it."

Doctors: Singer Randy Travis awake after stroke

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—Country music star Randy Travis was awake and interacting with his family and friends Monday as he recovers from surgery following a stroke, his doctors said.

In a news release and video from the Texas hospital where the 54-year-old singer is recovering, doctors said Travis remains in critical condition and on a ventilator, but is off a heart pump and is breathing spontaneously. His breathing support is gradually being reduced and he has begun the early stages of physical therapy.

Mary Davis, Travis' fiancée, thanked the singer's friends and fans for their prayers and support.

"I know that Randy feels each and every one of those," Davis said in the video. "He feels the hands of the doctors and the care of the nurses and the love of his fans. His friends and family have all been touched by that. He is responding well to voices and he sees and he understands. He's miles beyond where any of us thought he would be a few days ago."

Travis will stay at The Heart Hospital Baylor Plano for two to three more weeks before being transferred somewhere else to undergo aggressive physical therapy. Doctors say it will take months to recover from the stroke, but scans shows the swelling in his brain is subsiding following surgery and he is making good progress in his recovery.

The Grammy Award-winning "Three Wooden Crosses" singer checked into the hospital on July 7 after a viral illness affected his heart.

Doctors said Travis has a seriously weakened heart—a condition called cardiomyopathy—that the viral infection apparently made worse. However, he doesn't have an active heart infection, and doctors said long-term, he should be able to manage his weakened heart with

medication.

Dr. Michael Mack, a cardiac surgeon and medical director of cardiovascular disease at Baylor Health Care System in Dallas, said Travis' heart no longer needs a small pump to help control blood flow.

Mack said echocardiograms indicated the heart problem was not caused by drug and alcohol abuse.

"Mr. Travis does have a family history of cardiomyopathy and it is more likely related to that," Mack said.

Travis has had troubles with alcohol recently and pleaded guilty to driving while intoxicated in January following an accident last August. He received two years of probation and a \$2,000 fine. He was required to spend at least 30 days at an alcohol treatment facility and complete 100 hours of community service.

Before falling ill with a viral upper respiratory illness, he'd recently made several public appearances, including a spot on the Country Music Association Festival's nightly concert lineup and a poignant performance at George Jones' funeral.

Travis was admitted to Baylor Medical Center McKinney near his home in Tioga, about 60 miles north of Dallas, and was transferred to The Heart Hospital Baylor Plano after doctors stabilized his heart with the pump. As doctors removed the pump, he had the stroke, Mack said.

The North Carolina-born Travis is a traditional country purist known for hits "Forever and Ever, Amen" and "I Told You So." His 1986 Warner Bros. debut album "Storms of Life" sold 3 million copies, and helped return country music to the sound of Hank Williams and George Jones. It also made Travis and his mellow baritone a star, leading the way for other artists from Alan Jackson to "American Idol" winner Scotty McCreery.



AP
In this June 28, 2013 file photo, Dave Matthews of The Dave Matthews Band performs on stage at the Susquehanna Bank Center in Camden, N.J. Emily Kraus, one of Matthew's fans pulled over to give a stranded cyclist a ride and realized the hitchhiker was none other than Matthews.

Lawson, Saatchi to divorce by end of July

LONDON (AP)—Celebrity chef Nigella Lawson and art collector Charles Saatchi said they intend to conclude a "swift and amicable" divorce by the end of the month, with neither receiving any financial compensation from the other.

The couple separated after a newspaper published photos last month of Saatchi grasping his wife's throat during an argument at a London restaurant.

A statement issued Monday on their behalf said neither would contest the divorce "and neither party will be making any financial claims against the other."

It said Lawson had hired powerhouse divorce lawyer Fiona Shackleton—whose previous clients include Prince Charles and Paul McCartney—while Saatchi was representing himself.

The couple's "decree nisi," or initial divorce decree, is due to be pronounced July 31.

Jenny McCarthy to join 'The View' as co-host

NEW YORK (AP)—Welcome Jenny McCarthy as the next co-host to join "The View."

The actress and former Playboy playmate was named Monday to join the panel of the ABC weekday talk show. Barbara Walters, who created "The View" in 1997 and has since served as a co-host, made the widely expected announcement on the air.

"We love her because she's fun, she's uninhibited and she's opinionated enough to help us begin the latest chapter in 'The View' history," Walters said.

McCarthy arrives at the start of the 17th season on Sept. 9.

She has previously made 17 appearances on "The View" and guest-hosted eight times.

The 40-year-old McCarthy began her career posing for

Lawson and Saatchi married in 2003 and lived in London with Lawson's son and daughter from her marriage to journalist John Diamond, who died of cancer in 2001, and Saatchi's daughter from a previous marriage.

Saatchi, 70, was cautioned by police over the throat-grabbing episode, and shortly afterward announced that the couple was divorcing. He said he was disappointed Lawson had not spoken up to defend his reputation after the incident.

Lawson, 53, is a well-known TV presenter and chef whose cookbooks are best-sellers in Britain and the United States.

Saatchi, co-founder of the Saatchi & Saatchi ad agency, owns one of London's biggest private art galleries. He was the main patron of the Young British Artists movement of the 1990s, which made household names of artists including Damien Hirst and Tracey Emin.

Playboy and has since starred in TV sitcoms and appeared in films including "Scary Movie 3."

She has emerged as an activist campaigning about the dangers of vaccines, which she believes triggered her son's autism.

McCarthy will join "The View" as Joy Behar prepares to leave after being a fixture on the show since its premiere.

A remaining vacancy was created last week by Elisabeth Hasselbeck, who exited to join Fox News Channel. There is no word on when that slot will be filled.

And there will be yet another opening before much longer: Walters has said she is retiring from television next year.

Other co-hosts of "The View" remain Sherri Shepherd and Whoopi Goldberg.



Lawson



McCarthy

Teach children about sex before they become active

By **ABIGAIL VAN BUREN**
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DEAR ABBY: I became sexually active at an extremely young age. I know my whole life would be different, as well as my children's lives, had I just known better. I have a 4-year-old daughter, a 7-year-old son and a 12-year-old stepson. I want desperately to protect them from making the same mistakes I did. I feel like the best way to prevent this is to speak openly about sex.

The closest anyone ever came to speaking to me about sex was my grandfather (of all people!), who gave me a Dear Abby booklet that was written to inform kids about sex. Even though I was embarrassed when he gave it to me and I ran back to my room to hide, I still read the whole thing from front to back. It was interesting, but unfortunately, it was too late. I have always wished I would have been given that booklet a couple of years sooner.

This was about 15 years ago. Is there any chance you know the book I'm talking about and where I could find a few to pass on to my children? Obviously, the family around me were not comfortable speaking of sex. Please know how grateful I am even all this time later that you provided my grandfather with a way to reach out to me.

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Among the important topics included in my booklet are: "How old must a girl be before she can get pregnant?" "How old must a boy be before he can father a child?" "What time of the month is a girl 100 percent safe?" and "Can a girl get pregnant the first time she has sex?"

Also included is a section on various sexually transmitted diseases and what to do if you think you may have one. This is extremely important because STDs need to be treated right away, and not doing so can have lifelong consequences.

Knowledge is power. The more information children receive, the better they will be prepared for making intelligent, informed decisions.

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DEAR ABBY: My husband passed away 10 weeks ago. I plan on wearing my wedding ring for the remainder of my life. Your opinion would be appreciated.

GRIEVING WIDOW IN TEXAS

DEAR GRIEVING WIDOW: Allow me to offer my sympathy for the loss of your husband. Because the ring brings you comfort, you may wear it as long as you wish.

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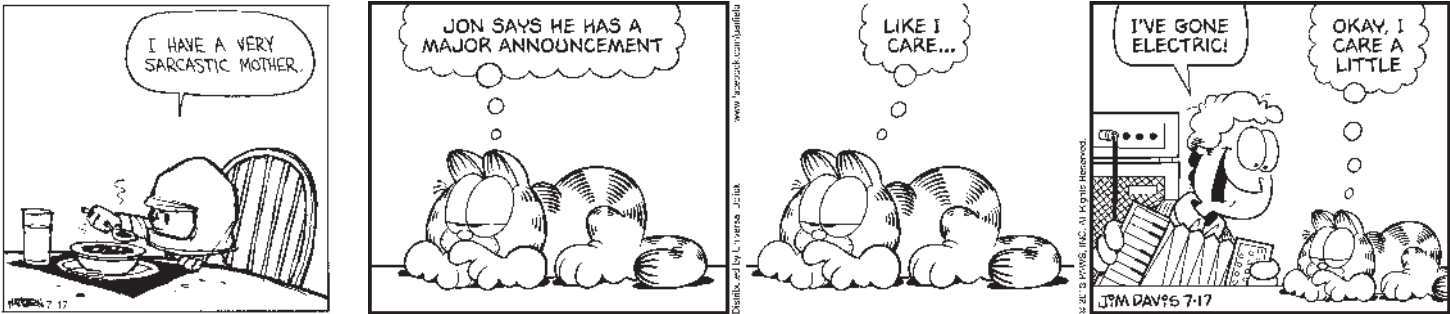
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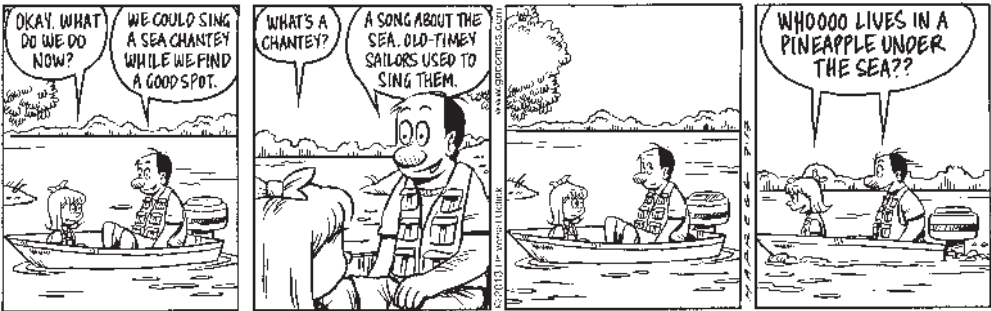
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Cespedes steals show from All-Stars, wins HR Derby



NEW YORK (AP)—The Home Run Derby champion didn't even make the All-Star team.

Yoenis Cespedes won baseball's power-hitting competition with a dazzling display Monday night, becoming the first player left out of the All-Star game to take home the crown. The Oakland Athletics slugger beat Bryce Harper 9-8 in the final round at reconfigured Citi Field, hitting the decisive drive with five swings to spare.

In his second major league season, the outfielder from Cuba flipped his bat aside and raised his left arm in triumph when he sent his 32nd homer of the night some 455 feet to center field, where it caromed off the back wall of the black batter's eye. He was swarmed by the American League All-Stars near the third base line.

"You come for a show in New York. He put on a show," said Detroit Tigers pitcher Max Scherzer, set to start for the AL on Tuesday night.

The final addition to the field, Cespedes was the fourth player not selected for the All-Star game to compete in the event.

Right off the bat, he proved he belonged. With family in the stands, Cespedes hit a whopping 17 home runs in the first round - more than any other player managed in their first two trips to the plate.

"I felt that I was getting into a very good rhythm, and that as long as the ball was right over the plate, I felt like I was in a good groove," Cespedes said through a translator. "That was the key."

His first-round outburst was enough to send him straight into the finals, though he added six long balls in round two for good measure. Some of his drives were particularly impressive, too.

Cespedes hit about a half-dozen balls into the upper deck in left, never reached by anyone in a game, and banged another couple of shots off the restaurant windows in the corner just below.

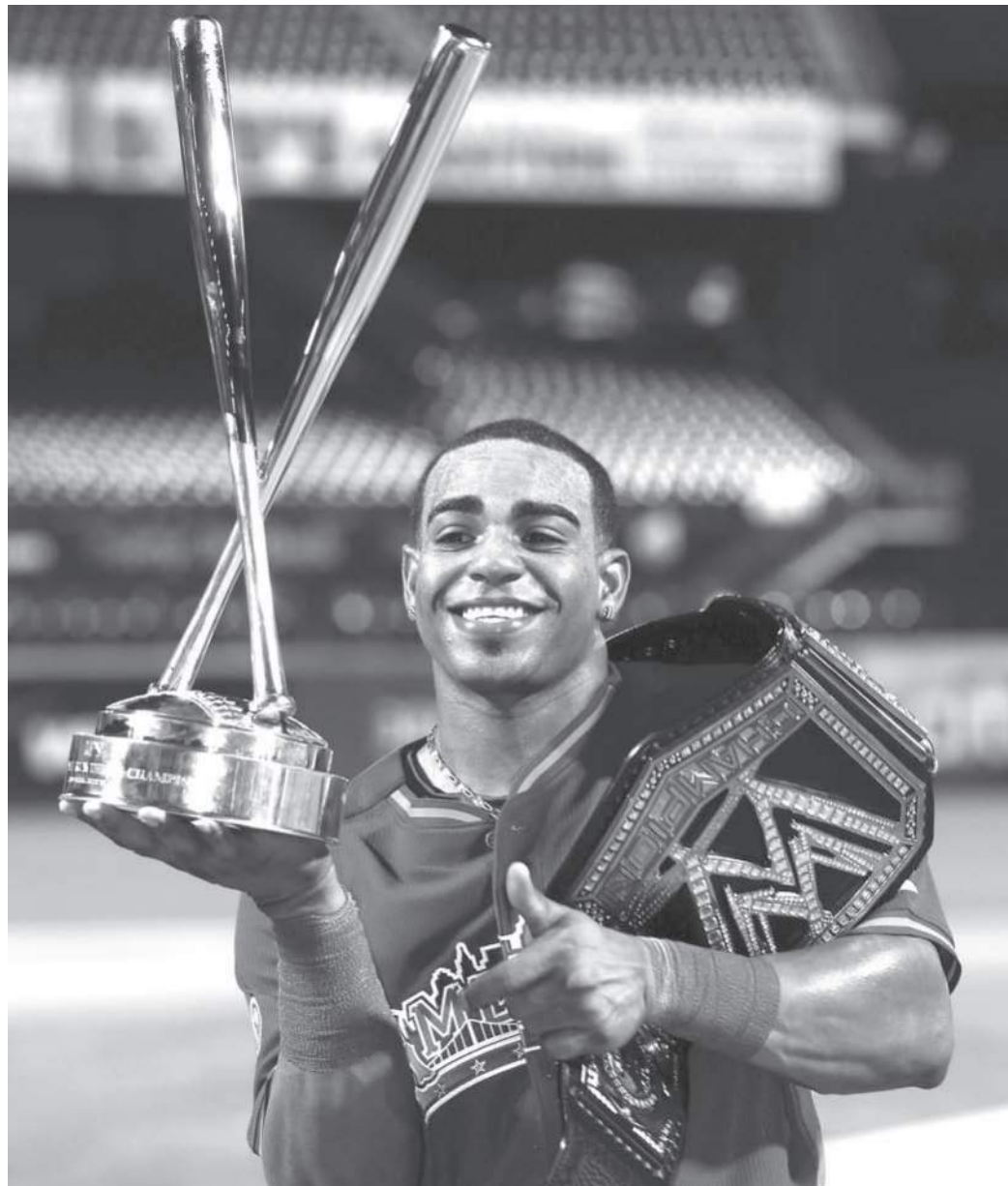
The 27-year-old Cespedes has struggled as a sophomore, batting only .225 with 15 home runs, but hardly anyone in the game doubts his ability.

"This trophy will motivate me so that things continue to go well for me, and I just want to thank the people that believed in me, that thought I could play at this level," he said.

The 20-year-old Harper, wearing shiny gold spikes as his father pitched to him, hammered eight homers in all three rounds. But the Washington Nationals phenom couldn't keep up with Cespedes.

"He's incredible," Harper said. "He's an absolute machine."

Colorado outfielder Michael Cuddyer and Baltimore first baseman Chris Davis, who



American League's Yoenis Cespedes of the Oakland Athletics poses with a trophy and belt after winning the MLB All-Star baseball Home Run Derby, on Monday, July 15, 2013 in New York.

leads the majors with 37 homers, were eliminated in the second round. Davis tied Reggie Jackson (1969) for the AL record before the All-Star break.

"I had a little blister come up second round. It's just one of those things," Davis said. "I usually get one once a year and it just happened to be tonight. It actually popped during a swing. My main concern is obviously not to hurt myself and to hang onto the bat."

"It's something that I've dealt with in my career since I can remember. You've just got to kind of wear it for a couple of days and then it hardens up and you're good to go."

Citi Field opened in 2009 with cavernous dimensions and yielded the fewest home runs in the majors over its first three seasons, according to STATS. But the Mets erected a new fence in front of the old one, dubbed the Great Wall of Flushing, before last season, shaving dimensions by up to 12 feet and lowering the height of the wall from as high as 16 feet to 8 all around.

Since then, the ballpark has ranked closer to the middle of the pack in home runs, 18th out of 30, but it's still no hitter's haven.

In fact, hometown favorite David Wright had joked he would take his Derby swings from second base.

"This stadium may be very difficult, but it's not as difficult as Oakland. And if I can do it in

Oakland, I thought, why can't I do it here?" Cespedes said.

Baseball's big boppers took aim at two trucks parked beside the home run apple behind the center-field fence, a popular staple at Mets games dating to their days in Shea Stadium. Cespedes dinged the hood on one, bringing a rousing cheer.

Cuban reliever Aroldis Chapman of the Cincinnati Reds brought Cespedes water and a towel during the first round, and 2010 champion David Ortiz strolled over to offer encouragement and advice.

The Rockettes danced atop

the dugouts and did their famous kickline between first-round batters.

"It's far different from in Cuba," Cespedes said. "There might be two people at our games. There's only one photographer, and this is completely different and foreign to me. But I'm very happy to be here."

Wright and another hometown darling, Pirates slugger Pedro Alvarez, were both eliminated in the first round. Alvarez went to high school in New York City and grew up in the same Manhattan neighborhood as Manny Ramirez.

Selig insists 'This sport is cleaner than ever'

NEW YORK (AP)—With his staff pursuing yet another investigation into performance-enhancing drugs, Commissioner Bud Selig defended baseball's drug-testing program on the eve of the All-Star game and insisted "this sport is cleaner than it's ever been."

Selig declined to detail timing for decisions in the probe of the closed anti-aging clinic Biogenesis, accused of distributing performing-enhancing drugs. MLB could attempt to discipline former MVPs Alex Rodriguez and Ryan Braun along with other players.

Baseball began drug testing for the 2003 season, added penalties the following year, banned amphetamines in 2006 and started HGH blood testing

last year. Critics said baseball didn't move quickly enough.

"People say, 'Well, you were slow to react.' We were not slow to react," Selig said Monday. "In fact, I heard that this morning, and it aggravated me all over again."

There were eight violations of the major league drug program last year, and All-Star game MVP Melky Cabrera was among those who served a 50-game suspension following a positive PEDs test. There have been no suspensions in the big leagues this year.

During a question-and-answer session arranged by Politico, a question was sent by Will, identified as an 8-year-old in Los Angeles. He asked: "How old will I be when ... you can

Harvey to start All-Star game; Rivera to finish?

NEW YORK (AP)—The first and last pitch of the All-Star game could well be "New York, New York."

Young ace Matt Harvey of the Mets will start for the National League on his home mound. Mariano Rivera, in his final season, may well finish for the AL.

"Having the opportunity to take the ball is something I'll never forget," Harvey said Monday.

On July 16 last year, Harvey was pitching for Triple-A Buffalo against Toledo before 5,885 fans at Coca-Cola Field. On Tuesday night, he'll be starting against Detroit's Max Scherzer in front of a sellout crowd at Citi Field and a worldwide television audience.

At 24, Harvey is the youngest All-Star starting pitcher since the Mets' Dwight Gooden in 1988, when he was 23. Harvey will be the first pitcher from the host team to start an All-Star game since Houston's Roger Clemens in 2004 and just the 11th overall.

"It really wouldn't have mattered what city we were playing in with the year that he's had, the impressive numbers that he's put up," said San Francisco's Bruce Bochy, the NL manager. "He would have been the starting pitcher."

Harvey, 7-2 with a 2.35 ERA and an NL-high 147 strikeouts, has made 29 major league starts—the fewest for an All-Star starter since Hideo Nomo with 13 in 1995. Big league hitters can't stop talking about his heater.

His fastball velocity of 95.2 mph is 0.1 mph behind Washington's Stephen Strasburg, the major league leader this year, according to fangraphs.com.

"He's a power guy that attacks hitters," said Minnesota

catcher Joe Mauer, a two-time AL batting champion. "He has four above-average pitches."

Harvey throws the hardest slider and curve in the majors, and he ranks second in swinging strikes at 12.7 percent, just behind Texas' Yu Darvish (13.3) and ahead of Scherzer (12.3).

"I don't even know what he's throwing. He throws everything," Washington's Bryce Harper said.

Scherzer, 28, had the most dominant first half in a quarter-century, in terms of wins. His 13-0 record before Saturday's loss to Texas was the most wins in a perfect start since Clemens won his first 14 decisions in 1986.

Detroit's Justin Verlander was the AL starter and loser last year. Scherzer (13-1, 3.10 ERA) joins him to become the first pitchers from the same club to start consecutive All-Star games since Arizona's Randy Johnson (2000-01) and Curt Schilling (2002).

"We go throughout the season and we see guys who absolutely deal, and for skipper to give me the nod over those guys just means so much to me," Scherzer said as he sat next to Tigers manager Jim Leyland, who will pilot the American League squad.

Rivera, at 43 the oldest All-Star this year, sat in Jackie Robinson Rotunda in front of a large blue sculpture of Robinson's "42"—fitting given that the number was retired for all teams in 1997 on the 50th anniversary of the day Robinson broke baseball's color barrier. Rivera, grandfathered in, will be the last major leaguer to have that number on his back.

With 30 saves in 32 chances and a 1.83 ERA in his farewell season for the New York Yankees, Rivera is still the best.

say that there are no more cheaters in baseball, not one?"

"Will, this is what I would say to you," Selig responded. "I used to object way back when, when people would talk about steroids. They're not a baseball problem or a football problem or a basketball problem. They're a societal problem."

Selig, who turns 79 on July 30, also denied his willingness to combat steroids has increased during his time in office, which started in 1992.

"Some people say now that I'm over-vigilant because I'm worried about my legacy," he said. "That's nonsense. That's the silliest thing I've ever heard. This is in the best interests of baseball. I was brought up to understand that you are

to do what's in the best interest of this sport no matter what, even if it's painful, and we're going to do that."

He maintained the majority of players object to being tainted as playing in what's referred to as the Steroids Era.

"Most players on their team didn't do anything. They were as clean as could be," he said. "So the Steroid Era in short to some people implies, well everybody did it. That's wrong, and it's unfair."

According to Selig, Major League Baseball's decision to hire former U.S. Secret Service director Mark Sullivan to assist in its Biogenesis probe was evidence of baseball's effort to ensure there are "no stones unturned."

World Peace says he'll sign with Knicks



LAS VEGAS (AP)—Metta World Peace is coming home to play for the New York Knicks.

The Knicks said the contract has not been signed but an agreement has been reached.

"The team is amazing, the players. I'm excited to play and hustle," World Peace said Monday while attending the NBA summer league in Las Vegas.

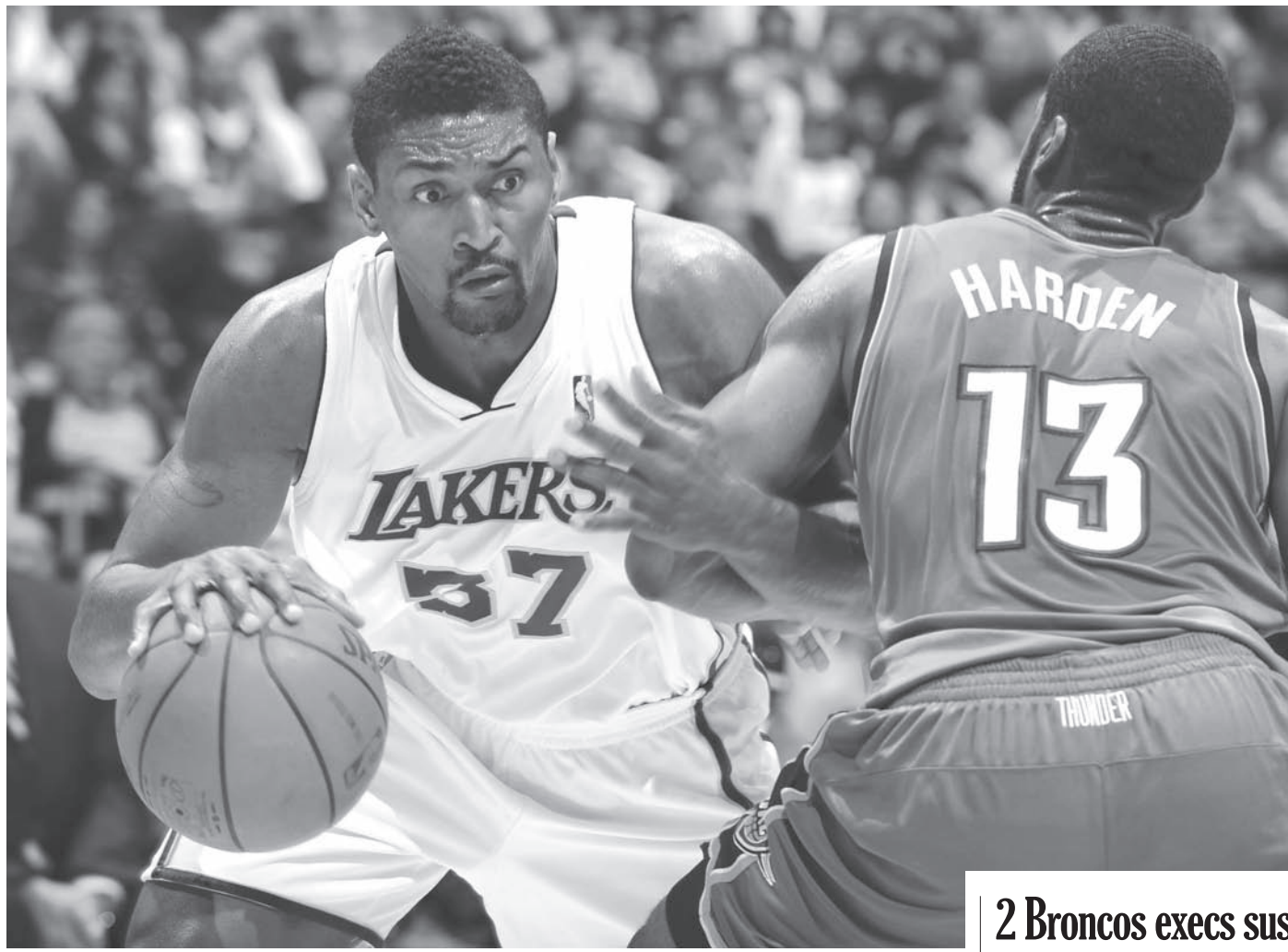
"Yes, this is going to happen," World Peace's agent, Marc Comstein, said. "He's really excited to be joining his hometown team. That's obviously been something that's been a dream of his since growing up in Queensbridge."

"He's just thrilled to be joining the New York Knicks."

World Peace was waived Thursday by the Los Angeles Lakers, who used the amnesty clause to create salary cap space. The 6-foot-7 forward will still be paid the \$7.7 million that was owed to him by the Lakers.

Comstein said the new deal came about pretty quickly. The Knicks expressed interest right after they were allowed to reach out to the former NBA Defensive Player of the Year.

"Obviously, Metta being from



Metta World Peace, left, is moving to the New York Knicks after he was waived by the Los Angeles Lakers last week.

Ernie Els gives back his claret jug at Muirfield



GULLANE, Scotland

(AP)—Two dozen cameras were in position Monday morning to capture the first big moment of this British Open, only they weren't anywhere near the golf course. They waited in the driveway as a silver station wagon pulled through the gate and stopped in front of the clubhouse at Muirfield.

Ernie Els climbed out of the back seat holding the shiny claret jug he won last year at Royal Lytham & St. Annes, and he promptly handed it over to Royal & Ancient chief executive Peter Dawson.

"Thank you," Dawson told him. "You've been a great champion."

Now it's up to the 43-year-old South African to reclaim the silver prize, and that doesn't figure to be easy.

Els won last month in Germany. He won the last time the Open was played at Muirfield in 2002. He has more top 10s in the British Open than any other major. But he has this piece of history working against him - the last major champion in his 40s to successfully defend his title was Old Tom Morris, and that was 151 years ago.

The Big Easy is not a betting man, but he was asked to pick someone to wager a pound on at Muirfield.

"I'd have to look at the odds, wouldn't I?" he said, trying to buy time. "Maybe a long shot. I like to go for the long shots."

That's what he might have been considered last year at Royal Lytham. He was winless

on a major tour in two years, failed to qualify for the Masters for the first time in nearly two decades and was No. 40 in the world. But he was close to flawless on the back nine and was the recipient of a shocking collapse by Adam Scott, who made bogey on his last four holes to finish one shot behind.

Back to the wager. He was asked who should be considered in the pole position.

"To name one, I'm going to have to name 20," Els said. "That's how close it is. I don't know. A guy who likes the layout. A guy who likes the bounce. I'm not sure."

That was a good start.

There is nothing like links golf, with its humps and mounds along the fairways, a landscape framed by tall grass and dotted with pot bunkers. It can be played in the air when the grass is green during wet summers, or played on the ground when the course is crusty and yellow, which is the case this year at Muirfield.

Els remembers his first experience with links golf, and he loved it right away.

"The sound is different. The divot into the fairways are different. The whole experience is different than anything else around the world," Els said. "So it's something you're either going to really like or you're not going to like. I was fortunate enough that I really fell in love with it."

A long shot?

Maybe someone like Jordan Spieth, the 19-year-old Texan who was headed toward another

top finish on the PGA Tour until he holed a bunker shot for birdie on the last hole at the John Deere Classic, got into a playoff when Zach Johnson made bogey on the 18th, and won on the fifth extra hole. Next thing he knew, Spieth was on a charter flight to Scotland for his first British Open. He has experience with links golf, having played the Walker Cup at Royal Aberdeen in 2011.

And for those who believe experience is required, Ben Curtis won in 2003 in his first major championship, let alone his first time playing links golf. Curtis reunited this week with Andy Sutton, the local caddie he hired at Royal St. George's. Sutton was told of an American player looking for a caddie 10 years ago and had never heard of Curtis. Not to worry. A lot of Americans had never heard of him, either.

Tiger Woods is always a favorite, and he has the best odds this week, even though he hasn't won the claret jug since Hoylake in 2006.

Els is well aware of the quality of champions Muirfield tends to produce, from Harry Vardon and James Braid to Walter Hagen and Henry Cotton, from Jack Nicklaus and Gary Player to Lee Trevino and Tom Watson, along with Nick Faldo and Els.

And yes, he believes the course has something to do with that.

"It's just a wonderful design," Els said. "The par 3s are unbelievable. The par 5s have been changed a little bit—they're

longer. Each and every hole is a little bit different. There's left-to-right, right-to-left, and it all happens out there. Every links shot that you can imagine, you're going to play it this week."

Els returned to Muirfield a few weeks ago, and he played a quiet nine holes Sunday evening. He remembers much about Muirfield, a course where he tied for fifth in his professional debut in 1992 and won a decade later. And there are some shots he is trying to forget, such as the double bogey on the 16th hole that nearly cost him a chance at having his name on that claret jug.

Els had to make birdie on the par-5 17th and close with a par just to get into a four-man playoff over four holes, and he won in the first sudden-death moment in Open history over Thomas Levet on the fifth hole. Even then, Els hit into a bunker on the 18th and had to save par for the win.

He certainly is not ruling himself out this week, not after the victory in Germany and his tie for fourth in the U.S. Open. Els might not win as much as he used to, but he plays the hard courses well. And with a forecast for dry weather and strong wind, this might be hard.

The claret jug is the oldest trophy in golf, first awarded in 1873. Els took it around the world over the last year, as he did after winning in 2002. The jug stayed outside London the last two weeks, cleaned and buffed so it was shiny when he handed it back to the R&A.

2 Broncos execs suspended for DUI arrests



ENGLEWOOD, Colo. (AP)—The

Denver Broncos came down hard on their two executives facing drunken driving charges, suspending them without pay and making it clear they must straighten out their lives if they want to work in the NFL again.

Director of player personnel Matt Russell was suspended indefinitely, and director of pro personnel Tom Heckert was suspended for a month.

Team president Joe Ellis said both men expressed remorse. But "this in no way excuses their conduct," Ellis said.

Russell and Heckert will be provided with confidential treatment, rehabilitation and counseling services and must comply with these programs before they're allowed to return to work, Ellis said.

While the two "will be punished and held accountable, our first priority is their health and well-being. We must ensure they receive any care they need and support them however possible," Ellis said.

While some critics were calling for the executives' ouster, Ellis emphasized, "We're not inclined to tear down lives even further. We're inclined to help people rebuild themselves."

The Broncos issued the penalties Monday after consulting with the NFL commissioner's office, which informed them it has no plans to impose additional discipline.

However, both men still face legal ramifications for their actions that could affect their future employment with the Broncos, who said they "will give careful consideration to the legal proceedings in determining their future standing with the organization."

the area, and also much more importantly than just being a New Yorker, seeing the way he would fit in the team," Comstein said. "Coach (Mike) Woodson did an incredible job explaining what his role would be. (Knicks GM) Glen Grunwald really made him feel wanted."

"They just did a tremendous job; quite frankly, it became a pretty easy decision."

World Peace attended St. John's in New York, when he was known as Ron Artest.

"It has nothing to do with New York, the city," World Peace said. "The only thing that's important are those players that I'm going to be joining and touching that hallway with. That's all that's important right now."

In 14 NBA seasons with five teams, he has averaged 14.1 points and 4.7 rebounds per game.

"I don't think I'm a missing piece (to a puzzle)," he said. "I'm more honored to be playing with these players."

Executive vice president John Elway's top two advisers were arrested and jailed on suspicion of drunken driving in separate incidents within a month of each other this summer, resulting in the biggest black eye for the organization since a videotape scandal cost former coach Josh McDaniels his job in 2010.

Elway was brought on board after McDaniels' firing, and the Hall of Fame quarterback who led Denver to five Super Bowls and two championships quickly restored its reputation - until the trouble for his top two lieutenants this offseason.

"When I was named to this position two years ago, I spoke of the role this organization has in the community. We all have an individual responsibility to represent this team in the appropriate manner at all times," Elway said. "It's particularly disappointing that two members of my staff acted so irresponsibly. Simply put, it's unacceptable and inexcusable."

"I was extremely concerned when Tom Heckert notified me of his arrest in June. We talked about it as a staff, reinforced the intolerable nature of his actions and notified the league as we began the disciplinary process. To hear of Matt Russell's incident last week was especially disturbing considering the timing and severity of those allegations," Elway added.

"While Matt and Tom have apologized and taken accountability, it's most important they take advantage of whatever help they need. We will learn from this and take the necessary action as we move forward in a positive way."

The punishment reflected a mixture of team owner Pat Bowlen's indignation and compassion.

Contador will fight until the end of the Tour



AVIGNON, France (AP)—Alberto Contador has already won the Tour de France twice and the Spaniard is not ready to settle for second this time even though he enters the final week of the race trailing overall leader Chris Froome by more than four minutes.

Contador, who won the Tour in 2007 and 2009, sits in third place overall 4:25 behind the British rider and 11 seconds adrift of Bauke Mollema of the Netherlands.

He lost a considerable amount of time in the two mountain-top finishes at Ax-3-Domaines and on Mont Ventoux, as well as in the first individual time trial as Froome showed he was unbeatable on a single climb.

The terrain is changing, however, as the race enters the Alps, with Thursday's 18th stage to l'Alpe d'Huez and Friday's 19th stage to Le Grand Bornand putting multiple ascents on the menu.

Froome was quickly isolated from his team mates in the second Pyrenean stage after repeated attacks from rival teams, who failed to capitalize.

"My goal is to win but it is true that the leader is a level above and he cannot be beaten face to face but it will be a very demanding last week with more tactical options because there are back-to-back climbs and for me finishing second or 10th is



Yury Trofimov of Kazakhstan, right, leads Spain's Alberto Contador, in second position, Christopher Froome of Britain, wearing the overall leader's yellow jersey, and Nairo Alexander Quintana of Colombia, wearing the best young rider's white jersey, as they climb towards Mente pass during the ninth stage of the Tour de France cycling race over 168.5 kilometers (105.3 miles) with start in Saint-Girons and finish in Bagneres-de-Bigorre, Pyrenees region, France, Sunday July 7 2013.

not important," Contador told a news conference on Monday.

Contador, one of five men with titles in all three grands tours (France, Italy and Spain), has already set his sights on a particular stage.

"There is a stage where I

want to see what can happen, where I could seize an opportunity," he said, without identifying the stage.

"The rest will depend on how the race pans out but if I see an opportunity I will go for it."

While he could make his

move in the stage featuring two ascents of l'Alpe d'Huez, Contador is surely thinking about the 19th stage, which has two out-of-category climbs—Col du Glandon and Col de la Madeleine—in the first part and two first-category ascents—Col de

l'Epine and Col de la Croix Fry—in the second part.

Tactics would consist of isolating Froome from his team mates on the first climbs and gaining some distance on him on the flat parts, as Contador's Saxo-Tinkoff showed they could do when they trapped

the Briton behind with an acceleration away in last Friday's flat stage.

"They found Sky's weakness," Irishman Dan Martin, who won the second Pyrenean stage, told Reuters on Monday.

Martin said Sky's rivals had made an error that day in attacking Froome only on the climbs.

"That's a mistake they made the day I won: I was expecting a lot more attacks in the valley. They are not going to drop him in the climbs," he said.

Contador has already shown that he has the tactical nous to overthrow Froome, even if, with a four-minute deficit, the odds are stacked against him.

In last year's Vuelta, Joaquim Rodriguez had the race firmly in his hands when Contador launched a surprise long-range attack that gave him the overall lead after the 17th stage and eventually the title.

"There are two important differences. Firstly, the leader is further away and that makes everything more difficult. Secondly, he (Froome) has been stronger, while in the Vuelta we basically had the same level."

This is not enough to discourage Contador, who appears a much quieter person since he lost his 2010 Tour de France title following a doping test.

"It is true that year after year you evolve and perhaps I'm calmer than some years ago," he said. "I may be calmer in the important stages."

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After receiving their prizes, Rick George finally disclosed where they caught the winning marlin.

"We got it at Paladang Reef next to Tinian. That has been the source of our big catch for the past three years," said the *Luka & Ben* captain, who declined to identify their fishing spot last Saturday after getting the eventual winning marlin as other boats struggled for a prized find last weekend.

With *Luka & Ben* topping this year's tournament, it joined the elite group of boats that won

the annual event's grand prize twice. *Luka & Ben* also ruled the 2011 edition of the competition with its 420-lb marlin, while the Heinz Hofschneider-captained *Cabo Express* made it back-to-back in 2007 and 2008. *Cabo Express* caught a 288.50-lb bill fish in 2007 and surpassed its record the next year after reeling in a 484-lb marlin.

Completing the list of boats to win the tournament's grand prize two times are *Midway Motors*, *Victoria*, and *Charlie Cat*. *Midway Motors* was the second grand prize winner of the annual competition that was launched in 1985 with Barney Castro-captained *Adiamo* as the inaugural champion. A 93.50-

lb marlin was *Midway Motors* winning catch and it took the boat six years before winning anew, this time catching a huge 468-lb bill fish in 1992.

Victoria broke into the winner's circle in 2001 with the Benny Iriarte-skippered boat landing a 338.19-lb marlin. Then in 2006, *Victoria* got another 300-plus lb bill fish (337.74 lbs) with Diego Benavente this time taking the captain chores for the boat and teaming up with wife Vicky Benavente, Gene Weaver, and Joey Taijeron.

Before *Victoria* got its second grand prize, *Charlie Cat* managed to dominate the tournament for two straight years (2004 and 2005). *Charlie Cat*,

captain by Guam's Hoa Van Nguyen, registered the third heaviest catch in the history of the Saipan Fishermen's Association-organized tournament with its 519.40-lb marlin caught in 2004 (*Emmanuel's* 942-lb marlin in 2012 is the record, while *Love Boat's* 624.34 lbs in 1997 is ranked second). Quan Ly took over from Van Nguyen in 2005 and though *Charlie Cat* had a much smaller catch than its 2004 winning bill fish, the 422.40-lb mahi was enough to top 40 others.

Meanwhile, winners of other categories in last weekend's competition will be reported in *Saipan Tribune's* Thursday edition.

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10 minutes of play. Ivan Devero was held to a field goal, while fellow prolific scorer Lario Pagaro went scoreless in the first canto. Only Ralph Francisco logged more than 2 points for KFC/Taco Bell in the opening quarter, but he also went on a slump in the last three periods.

AXE Proa took away KFC/Taco Bell's fastbreak game right away to set the tone of match and while the latter struggled to find its offensive rhythm, the former had a lot of scoring options to keep the double-digit lead until the buzzer sounded.

Erick Dela Rosa, Jack Lizama, and Keoni Chariton finished with 10 points apiece for AXE Proa and their remaining nine teammates also made it to the board with eight of them drilling at least 4 points each.

Angelo Fernando and Pagaro top-scored for KFC/Taco Bell, nailing 12 points apiece. However, Pagaro canned no more than one field goal in each of the last three quarters after going scoreless in the first, while Fernando also failed to hit baskets in streaks.

Meanwhile, in the second match, San Roque snapped its two-game losing skid after whipping the winless Blazers, 77-61.

San Roque also used an early run to earn its first win and hand

the Blazers their third loss in as many games. San Roque led by 15 after the first canto, 22-7, as it held the Blazers to two field goals in the opening frame. Melvin Cadiang, Shane Deleon Guerrero, and Sheen Metran posted 5 points apiece in the first period to give San Roque a good start.

San Roque went on to increase the lead in the next three quarters, as the best that the Blazers could do after a lethargic first period were notch 20 points in the second, still a point short of their foes' output.

First Game

AXE Proa 72 — Dela Rosa 10, Lizama 10, Chariton 10, Barcinas 8, Alegre 8, Libuw 6, Aranda 5, Johnson 5, Villacrusis 4, Faisao 4, Tudela 2.

KFC/Taco Bell 62 — Fernando 12, Pagaro 12, Manglo 6, De Guzman 5, Francisco 4, Camacho 4, Brown 4, Devero 3, Bahillo 3, Achas 2.

Scoring by quarters: 29-13, 49-30, 60-44, 72-62.

Second Game

San Roque 77 — Cadiang 21, Sacramento 18, Deleon Guerrero 15, Lauron 8, Metran 8, Vertudez 4, Aquino 2.

Blazers 61 — S. Sablan 19, Jung 12, Taylor 11, Brennan 9, Quian 5, L. Sablan 4, Chargualaf 1.

Scoring by quarters: 22-7, 43-24, 64-44, 77-61.

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for the CNMI. The NMIFA technical head said their goal is not to finish last in the qualifying group.

"This will catapult our program and set a foundation that can be built upon moving forward. We must be resilient in our efforts and unwavering in our definiteness of purpose," said Noetzel, who saw some significant improvements from his players, but still looks for more after scoring a 7-0 win over the visiting USS *Momsen* in a friendly game a few weeks ago.

"Right now we are looking

for all the players to understand their roles individually and in relation to the team. Kennedy Izuka received the 'Man of the Match' award (against USS *Momsen*) because of his execution of these principles. Yoshi Mafnas has a hot foot right now netting goals in his last two appearances for the U18's. Jireh Yobech has also come out strong since his return from Palau two weeks ago and he has impressed us," Noetzel said.

Noetzel also noted the pool's good execution, as players were pressured to score in the first 15 minutes of play and did so, making two quick goals just five minutes into the first half.

"We were expecting the boys

to go out and execute the game plan. Not knowing the competition we did not want to underestimate an unknown side, a common trait of losing teams. We felt confident the system we are playing could produce results and we're focusing on role execution. Our communication that night still lacked consistency and efficiency," he said.

Meanwhile, Noetzel thanked NMIFA officials and the USS *Momsen* for making the scrimmage possible.

"I would personally like to thank the visiting troops of the USS *Momsen* for the match, and more importantly, Jerry Tan and Vickie Izuka, who were both present at the match,

showing their support from the executive level. All these are possible because of the years of hard work and dedication they have put into the program which they started from nothing but a vision and passion for the sport. The fact we have an FA that can now produce teams to compete in Asia at AFC competitions is a testament to what countless hours of hard work and perseverance can produce. Without them, none of this would be possible. They are game-changers for the NMI and the thankless work they happily do provides opportunities (for our players) that otherwise would not exist," Noetzel said.

29th Annual Saipan International Fishing Tournament

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Da Atta Girl crew-member shows his 3.6-lb skipjack tuna at the weigh-in station at the Smiling Cove Marina last Saturday during Day 1 of the 29th Annual Saipan International Fishing Tournament.



A father and his son check on *Luka & Ben's* 221.5-lb marlin.



Volunteers carry yellow fin and skip jack tunas to the weigh-in station.



Blu By U docks at the Smiling Cove Marina during Day 1 of the tournament.



My Lady Gora's Kaching Aldan, right, stands beside his 133.85-lb marlin.



A volunteer brings 2 *Sisters'* yellow fin to the weigh-in station.



Volunteers at the weigh-in station lift a 90.6-lb yellow fin tuna.



Sen. Ralph Torres, right, and James Roberto of *Saba* pose with their 39.05-lb mahi.



Spectators take photos of the heaviest catch of the day from *Luka & Ben*.



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Luka & Ben gets grand prize



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It's official. *Luka & Ben* is the winner of the 29th Annual Saipan International Fishing Tournament.

Luka & Ben was awarded the grand prize in the two-day tournament held over the weekend after landing a 221.5-lb marlin last Saturday. The winning boat is skippered by Rick George and has Ben Fitipol, Mika George, Phil and Melvin Aldan, and Steve Igisaiar as crewmembers. The group was presented with the championship trophy and the nearly six-foot tall perpetual trophy during the awards ceremony held last Monday night at the Pacific Islands Club's Magellan. *Luka & Ben* also took home the \$1,400 side bet that came from the 54 participating boats.

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Luka & Ben crewmembers and supporters pose for a group photo after getting the grand prize in the 29th Annual Saipan International Fishing Tournament during the awards ceremony last Monday night at the Pacific Islands Club's Magellan.

NMIFA to name team to EAFF qualifier Proa takes solo lead; San Roque wins

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Members of CNMI U18 National Team who will compete in the 2013 EAFF Regional Qualifiers in Guam next month will be announced this week.

Northern Mariana Islands Football Association technical director Johann Noetzel in an email to *Saipan Tribune* said there are 30 players in the CNMI pool and only 18 will be named to the squad that will participate in the East Asian Football Federation-sanctioned competition from Aug. 5 to 14. The Commonwealth strikers will be playing against the host, North Korea, Hong Kong, Macau, and Chinese-Taipei.

Noetzel, through the help of Tan Holdings FC's Jerishwin Angeles and MP United's Norman Del Rosario, has been facilitating the pool's training since August last year and he is hoping that the time the players and coaches put into the preparation for the qualifier will be enough to produce good results

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NMIFA technical director Johann Noetzel, left, is seen here talking to USS *Momsen* players after a friendly game early this month at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

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AXE Proa stretched its winning streak to three after outclassing KFC/Taco Bell, 72-62, in the first game in the Emon Lodge No. 179 Brotherhood Basketball League 2013/Docomo Pacific Cup last Saturday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

The win also put AXE Proa in solo lead and brought KFC/Taco Bell (2-1) down to second place tied with defending champion Mobil. AXE Proa prevailed in the battle of unbeaten teams after catching KFC/Taco Bell off guard right in the first canto.

AXE Proa took a 16-point lead after the opening period, 29-13, as its unpredictable, but balance offense was unmatched by KFC. Five AXE Proa players scored at least two field goals apiece in the first frame and two others also made it to the board.

As for KFC/Taco Bell, which posted double-digit winning margins in its first two wins, there was little trace of its once mighty offense in the opening

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San Roque's Alex Lauron, center, keeps the ball up and away from the Blazers' Erick Cepeda, left, while Luther Taylor stands by for help defense during the second quarter of their game in the Emon Lodge caging last Saturday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.